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A nation of Nightclubbers

# Tories caught in Cullen crossfire

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The Government faces embarrassing disclosures about its the housing and at times bitter lobbing over the Cullen Report es to a head today.

Ministers are expected to adopt a compromise which will ban privately-held handguns and privately-held handguns and privately are stored at gun patever comes out of the Culten Report on the Dunssacre, which is pubishes tomorrow. But that will not satisfy Dunblane cam-paignes, who want an outright handsun ban, nor the pro-shooting lobby, which considers the scheme unworkable.

A fattle between the British Shooting Sports Council and the Snowdrop Appeal has raged per the Cullen Report into the s of a teacher and 16 children at Dunblane Primary School. The compromise also contradicts Home Office opinion of last year, which pointed out big "problems" with the scheme Home Office Minister ar, said removing guns from urban homes would cause a big gransit problem of urban dwellers going to all the frearms clubs to get firearms.
We would also need a big increase in the number of available armouries and central

The stooks contradictory stance energed from a suppressed region of a government working party which warned, 24 years ago that a clamp was acceded on private-ly-held firearms. The *indepen*dera has obtained a copy of the internal Home Office report, compiled by some of the comtry's most senior pelice officers of the time. Written in 1972, it demanded a radical shake-up of and looked at this report and gun controls if Britain was not to descend into a gun culture. Last night police officers and MPs said that if the report's satisfied that the holding of warmings had been heeded the traged at Diublane and does contribute to crime committed with firearms and we happened David Clark storetary of the Police Supermendents' Association, said: "The recommendations made in this report echo simost to a word the

port, Sir John McKay, a former chief inspector of constabulary, last night said he was sorry his advice had not been acted on. "I had a good deal of support from the police service for the kind of recommendations that I made at that time and, if action had been taken. a good deal of unfortunate occurrences that have happened

might have been avoided.". The 76 recommendations of the Working Party on the Con-

trol of Firearms included: which would be placed on the police national computer and could be accessed by all forces. A system to ensure that all weapons were given an identi-fication serial number. A central office for process-

ing all applications for firearms

■ Subjecting shotguns to the same tough controls applied to Section One firearms. ■ A clampdown on gun dealers

an "absolute minimum". The findings were presen to Robert Carr, home secretary

page report was not publis Gun-control groups de-scribed it as "dynamite" and said that it explicitly showed how orvenments had failed to address Britain's growing firearm problem and had been maniplated by the gun lobby. Ian Tayor, a member of the Gun Control Network, said: "Why does an organisation like the Home Office dump proposals of this kind and put them on the back burner?

ack burner?" Gerry Bermingham MP a Labour member of the Home Affairs Select Committee, which recently reported on the dangers of handguns, said: "If we had monitored this issue more carefully over the years acted upon it, we would not be

in the position we are today." The report said: "We are number of firearms in private hands is therefore a desirable end m itself."\_

The Home Office commissioned the research after a so-ries of shooting incidents in the Browning pistol in August last recommendations that the po-lice service are making today." ries of shooting incidents in the The chief author of the re-1970s had caused concern. sioned the research after a se-









### The gun and the snowdrop James Cusick Westminster Rifle Club.

Two lobbies:

The two lobbies could not be more different - a highly pro-fessional campaign funded by shooting enthusiasts on the one hand, moral outrage from a small group of parents using a snowdrop as their campaign

insignia on the other.

The pro-gun lobby moved into action after the Dunblane killings, setting up a fighting fund, which it hopes will raise £500,000, to hire sophisticated public relations and lobby firms.

Their campaign to prevent tough new legislation against the country's shooters was chan-nelled in two directions. The British Shooting Sports Council, which set up the fund and represents various shooting associations, hired the Westminster lobby firm Advocacy to influence the views of politicians.

The lobby firm helped draft a letter from the council to all MPs before Parliament began its summer recess. Advocacy and the council had stalls at the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Party conferences, and appeared at the Labour Party's fringe events in Blackpool.

Individual shooters have also been urged to write to their MPs and turn up at surgeries.

cally had a number of sympathisers in positions of power. The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, is an occasional shooter, as are Secretary of State for Defence, Michael Rifkind and Secretary of State for Social Security, Peter Lilley, who favours clay pigeon shooting - though there is no suggestion they have tried to influence the current debate. Some 60 MPs and peers

Her fourth

birthday may

well be her last,

but she isn't ill

are members of the Palace of

The council also hired PR firm John Kendall Associates whose remit has been to monitor the media and ensure that in the voice of the gun lobby was heard in debates. However, not all gun users are happy with the campaign, claiming it has been ineffective and weak in comparison with the anti-gun Snow-

drop Appeal.

Organisers of that appeal vowed yesterday they would "not go away" should the Government opt for anything less

Jackie Walsh, one of the founders of the appeal, confirmed her group would turn firearms into an election issue.
"It's what the Government does with Cullen [report] that is important. Even if Lord Cullen does not recommend what we demand, a total ban on handguns, the Government can still decide to opt for a total ban, said Mrs Walsh.

Snowdrop's co-founder, Ann Pearston, who delivered an emotional address at Labour's conference, has not roled out standing as a candidate against
Michael Forsyth in his Stirling constituency, where he has a majority of just 703,

The Snowdrop Appeal oup, through the nature petition handed in to the Commons in July, has become the unofficial voice of the parents of the children killed or injured in in Dunblane Primary School in March.

Snowdrop's petition was helped by national school organisations, the Post Office. British Midland Airways and a host of large local firms who have help anonymously.

house after a day's pistol prac-tice shot and killed a man who Mr Wise had been practising at was attempting to break into his a pistol club. He held a firearms ear, a court heard yesterday.

Martin Wise, a 36-year-old gamekeeper, appeared at Maid-stone Crown Count in Kent accased of the manslanghter of Matthew Hodge, 20, who he shot through the heart at point

Hildenborough, Kent, denies

manslaughter. Prosecutor Michael Gale QC certificate enabling him to pos-

sess shotenns, rifles and pistols. The certificate required him way to return the guns when he caught Mr Hodge in his Ford Escort car.

The pistol was in Mr Wise's

did not know it was loaded. He told police it went off accidentally after he pulled it from his pocket and cocked it to warn Mr Hodge. He said he feared attack after Mr Hodge lunged at him with a spanner.

There is a possibility, how-ever, that he knew somebody to keep the guns at his parents' was interfering with the car house and Mr Wise was on his and armed himself with a weapon in order to confront this thief." Mr Gale said.

He added that scientific evidence would prove that the year. The father-of-three, from trouser pocket and he said he gun could not be fired acci-

dentally. Bruising found on the inside of Mr Hodge's arm indicated that his arm was positioned behind his body at the time he was shot.

"If that is right it is inconsistent with the defendant's account that Mr Hodge was coming at him with the monkey

The court heard that Mr Hodge stumbled to a getaway car but fell unconscious before it reached hospital. Attempts to revive him failed.

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# Sainsbury's could run family doctor clinics

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

Government proposals for a dramatic expansion of general practice will leave the door open for private retailers such as Sainsbury's or Asda to offer NHS family doctor clinics in

shopping malls.

A White Paper out today will pave the way for super-surg-eries, combining family doctor services, out-patient clinics. small surgical operations and other services under one roof. It will be followed by legislation to be published with the Queen's Speech next week.

A leaked background document for the Bill, which The Independent has obtained, shows that ministers plan to allow a wide definition of those who may offer GP services in pilot schemes. It says any GP pracnce or "other organisation" may apply to provide personal



"We would not foresee any great numbers of pilot schemes involving commercial organisations but don't rule it out altogether. The aim is to let a thousand flowers bloom." These may be attractions to diowing one stop centres to spen in shopping malls, for the convenience of patients. But nedical services ministerial sources were A government source said adament there will be no breach

the NHS as a free service paid for by taxation. The patients will not be charged, although the operators would be allocated NHS funds to open the surgeries.

The White Paper, to be announced to the Commons in a statement by Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health. will also let hospital trusts employ GPs to provide family doc-Chris Smith, shadow health

secretary, called on Mr Dorrell to give a guarantee that it would not lead to commercial operators being allowed to offer GP services in the High Street, for which patients may have to pay. "Mr Dorrell must come clean over whether he wants to see GP services franchised out to organisations like retailers or pharmaceutical companies, Mr Smith said.

Ministerial sources con-

firmed last night that it was the intention to remove obstacles to

recently at Victoria station, London, where patients are charged £32 a time. Denying it

John Major last week reaf-firmed the Tories' commitment to the NHS, ruling out charging for treatment, but the influential right-wing think tank, the Adam Smith Institute, published a report calling for a "core curriculum" in NHS cover and for "top up" provision

would be the model for further surgeries, a government source said: "The Victoria surgery is entirely private. It is completely outwith these proposals."

through insurance. Mr Dorrell believes his White Paper will put Labour on the defensive over health. It promises to build on the successes in the GP fundholding system, which Labour is committed to replacing with a cooperative system under which GPs would work together to stop queue-jumping.

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Blair's family values Tony Blair firmly put the fami-ic at the heart of his call for a decent society", within which sportunity was matched by isponsibility, in a speech in outh Africa.

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Rail shares bonanza Seven founder investors in Phism Rail, set ap to hid for passenger train franchises, were less sitting on a shanes bouanze worth \$27m after length the passenger a rights issue. 12 Page 20 Mercy killing verdict A man who killed his alder

brother in the first known

mercy killing case to have reached the Scottistr courts unexpectedly walked free Page 10

# Virginia boasts of her selfless availability

bled Trebizond, were the most

interesting. Labour's wayward pikeman,

Tam Dalyell, was not satisfied.

Could be have a serious answer

to the question as to what ad-

vantage was gained by those

who "paid £500 for breakfast,

What did he mean by "what-

Elevenses? Whatever he meant,

Virginia fuelled his ire by re-

"available at virtually every

have been raised, and over the months ahead the country will resound to the clash of steel, the whire of cannon-balls and the cries of civil strife. On the right (by their own accounts) is the party of Merrie England, of tradition, fun and laughter. Opposing them from the left, are the forces of Puritanism, of

clean thought and of reform. Leading for the Roundheads yesterday was Iron Jack Cunningham, Labour's heritage spokesman, and a man who gives the impression that he masters as much of his brief as he feels is necessary, while shaving. What, he asked, did about petit déjeuner avec Ginny, those companies invited to pay which there isn't about, say,



DAVID AARONOVITCH tomley and the heritage team"

in Bournemouth last week, get for their money? There were titters. The sad truth is that the middle-aged men in the Chamber (OK, and the Press Gallery) think that there is something suggestive

pany of the fragrant Tony Newton or the nubile John Gummer. phrates, Virginia bathing in asses milk on the shores of fa-I was reminded of the Balliol College rules, of which number six was "no women visitors overnight", while rule seven read "no women are allowed to take breakfast in college". It was widely assumed, by the excited student body, that number seven invalidated number six.

or whatever". "Whatever"? Virginia's response was enigmatic. It was simply not necesever"? Tempestuous sex? sary for anyone to fork out a monkey to sit next to her, beplying that she was anyway cause "I'm only too easy to meet in a number of settings". "Set-tings" sounded wonderfully extourist event that takes place" otic, and a number came This was virtually a promise, and immediately, unprompted, to my mind: Virginia aboard a many of us who work in Westminster are now extremely wor-£500 to "meet Virginia Bot- breaking one's fast in the com- pleasure barge on the Eu-

know the way to Mrs Bottomlev's office.

But louche sex seems to be an important part of the Conservative Party's view of heritage. This was established by Thurrock's Andrew MacKinlay (a notorious Leveller), who quizzed the Lord Chancellor's representative, Gary Streeter, about reform of the House of Lords. Was it right, he asked, that voting membership could be decided - as in the recent Lord Moynihan succession court case - by "who, how and ried about having to fight off Streeter replied (shaking imag- number of settings.)

visiting Japanese businessmen, inary locks from his shoulders), who (jaded by the flesh-pots of Bangkok) will be demanding to and proud of our traditions. -Mmmm. To imply that having it off with a string of Thai brothel-keepers is part of our heritage, indicates a commendably broad-minded - al-

most Cavalier - attitude. The grizzled Paul Flynn (Labour, Newport West), brought us back to sleaze and the £400, 000 that Asil Nadir had donated to the Conservative Party. I did a quick sum, and calculated that, for this sum. Mr Nadir (had he only been a bit more patient) could have enjoyed breakfast with Mrs B. where he slept with someone in every morning for two years, two the Far East". To which Mr months and eight days. In a every morning for two years, two

### significant shorts

Former tax

chief denies

corruption

of a prostitute, free

corruption charges allegis that he accepted the services

Concorde tickets, holidays

when he appeared at the

and cash payments as bribes,

Old Bailey yesterday. Allcock, 47, was allegedly

given air tickets to the South

of France, where his hotel

bill was paid, as well as a

holiday in Majorca, an American cruise and other

gifts, as an "inducement or reward for showing favour"

The 13 charges against the former head of the

Office 2 cover June 1987 to October 1992. Allcock, from

Colchester, Essex, appeared

in the dock with Hisham Alwan and David Shamoon. who denied giving him

**Inquiry** into

**BSE** farmer

An Irish farmer is being investigated amid suggestions that he

deliberately introduced a BSE-infected animal on to

compensation for the

his farm to obtain lucrative

slaughter of his entire herd.

unnamed Tipperary farmer

was prompted by the Irish Department of Agriculture, which discovered a clear

discrepancy between the

visible age of the infected

animal and that shown by

its ear-tag. This raised suspicions that the animal's

real origins had been

The garda inquiry into the

to businessmen.

Inland Revenue's investigation unit Special

### No new trial for ex-Army officer

The Court of Appeal drew a Former senior tax inspector line under the Colin Wallace Michael Allcock denied affair yesterday, saying the former Army information officer should not face a retrial after being cleared of the manslaughter of a friend 16 years ago. SAS-trained Mr Wallace had his conviction quashed by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham, last week.

Lord Bingham said the court doubted whether a retrial was practicable so long after the event since certain aspects of the case would have to be reinvestigated. Mr Wallace. who refused to join MI5's "Clockwork Orange" operation which attempted to destabilise Harold Wilson claims he was the victim of a dirty tricks campaign. Patricia Wynn Davies

### Police admit

bugging jails
The Home Office and Prison Service has admitted for the first time that police are bugging prison cells and fitting listening devices to informers in jail in an attempt to obtain evidence

from top-level criminals. Prison officers were angered by the revelation, fearing they could be the victims of a violent backlash by disgruntled inmates.

The listening devices are either hidden inside a cell, issially among the furniture, or attached to a police "grass". Although taped confessions obtained in this way are inadmissible in court, the police argue that they can obtain useful leads and tip-offs. Jason Bennetto

Aids hotline

doctor's illness two days before his death, adding that

The had posed "no threat" to

The doctor, who arrived

in the UK in 1992 from the

Indian sub-continent, had

also worked at the Leigh

anaesthetist for the East

Royal Hull Trust and the

Trust. The helpline number

is 01942 822051. Liz Hunt

Green policies

Attempts by ministers to

portray the Government's

environmentally friendly are

misleading, according to an

The study, by a group of

seven environmental organisations, shows that 75

allocated by the Department

schemes, whereas only 4 per cent is for cyclists and

pedestrians. Lynn Sloman,

Transport 2000, one of the

produced the report, said:

"Money is being thrown at

Drunk coach

driver banned

Colin Murphy, 28, a coach

driver who took children on

a trip to the seaside while

limit, was banned from

driving for three years.

He had put his 82

passengers, mostly young children, "in great danger"

Preston magistrates heard.

He was also fined £750.

almost twice over the drink

expensive road schemes when it is desperately

needed for alternatives."

Christian Wolmar

organisations which

per cent of the money

of Transport to local authorities is spent on road

transport policies as

analysis of spending

a myth

Infirmary and Billinge Hospital. He had assisted at

at hospital

### IRA suspects still held

concealed. Alan Murdoch

Managers at the Royal Three IRA suspects arrested Albert Edward Hospital in in early morning raids near 1 Limerick were last night Wigan have set up an emergency helpline for being held for questioning patients after an anaesthetist by gardai in the city under anti-terrorist detention died of an Aids-related illness last week. They said they only learnt of the

The men include the Brixton prison escaper, Nessan Quinlivan, 32, who is on bail awaiting the High Court hearing of a British extradition application. The arrests came amid a crackdown on republican suspects, following the IRA's return to violence.

### "a few hundred" operations. He had also worked as an New leads in Yorkshire Hospital Trust, the murder hunt Mid-Kent Health Care NHS

Police investigating the murder of Dublin crime journalist Veronica Guerin have seized more than 100 guns and broken up three criminal gangs since her shooting last June. Detectives last night said

they had narrowed the list of suspects for Ms Guerin's death down to a small number of criminals.

The killing is not thought to have been carried out by contact killers, as first by believed, but by gunmen acting on the orders of a known crime boss, who feared the journalist was on the point of exposing major drugs-trafficking

### Old school tie for Soames

Nicholas Soames, unashamed bon viveur, has told friends he will be sporting his old school tie in the Commons today. The Minister of State for Defence was spotted shopping for a new Eton old boys tie yesterday at his tailor's in St James's.

Unless he is nobbled by the whips, he has told friends he is planning to wear the tie to wind up the two-day defence debate.

There may be a few eyebrows raised on the Tory benches, after the efforts of John Major last week to present his humble background as a Brixton grammar school boy compared to the privately educated Labour leader." Tony Blair. Colin Brown

# Call for sleaze inquiry backed by Boothroyd

JOHN RENTOUL

Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker of the House of Commons, yesterday lent her weight to a joint call by all the opposition parties for a full inquiry into cash-forquestions allegations against Neil Hamilton, the former trade minister who recently abandoned a libel action against The Guardian newspaper.

Fearing that the scandal could hang over the next six months in the run up to the general election, she said the "very serious" allegations "must be re-

solved as soon as possible". The resumption of parliament had been pre-empted by a news conference yesterday morning, at which Donald Dewar and Archie Kirkwood, the Labour and Liberal Democrat chief whips, urged a beefing up of the new machinery for enforcing parliamentary ethical

It was only the second combined opposition offensive since the Scott report into the sale of of his inquiry." arms to Iraq. As well as repre-Mr Kirkwood also acts as no

Sir Gordon Downey, the com- gation it undertakes may be missioner for standards appointed earlier this year to police the new rules on MPs'

inquiry into the original claims that Tory MPs were paid to ask parliamentary questions.

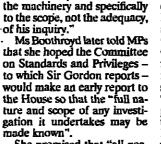
Mr Dewar cast doubt on whether Sir Gordon, "a part-time civil servant" would have the powers and resources to carry out a "comprehensive" inquiry. "I would stress that we have no criticism of Sir Gordon Downey," Mr Dewar told jour-

'Proceedings should be as transparent as possible so as to maintain public confidence'

nalists. "Our questions relate to the machinery and specifically

senting the Liberal Democrats, that she hoped the Committee on Standards and Privileges official shop steward for the oth- to which Sir Gordon reports -He and Mr Dewar asked for the House so that the "full na-"clarification" of the powers of ture and scope of any investi-

She promised that "all nec-



essary steps" would be taken to



United front: Donald Dewar, left, and Archie Kirkwood join forces yesterday Photograph: Geraint Lewis

conduct. The rules were ensure that the committee and brought in after Lord Nolan's Sir Gordon were "adequately staffed for whatever investiga-tion they may undertake". Last night, Sir Gordon met the committee to discuss his inquiry.

Ms Boothroyd also said the proceedings of the inquiry should be "as transparent as possible, so as to maintain public confidence" - a clear signal to Tory business managers who would want to maintain the tradition of MPs deliberating on the conduct of one of their number in private.

Labour, on the other hand. is eager to exploit unease on the Tory benches about the Hamilton affair. A handful of Tory MPs were unhappy when they were asked to amend the 1688 Bill of Rights before the summer recess to allow Mr Hamilton to sue The Guardian.

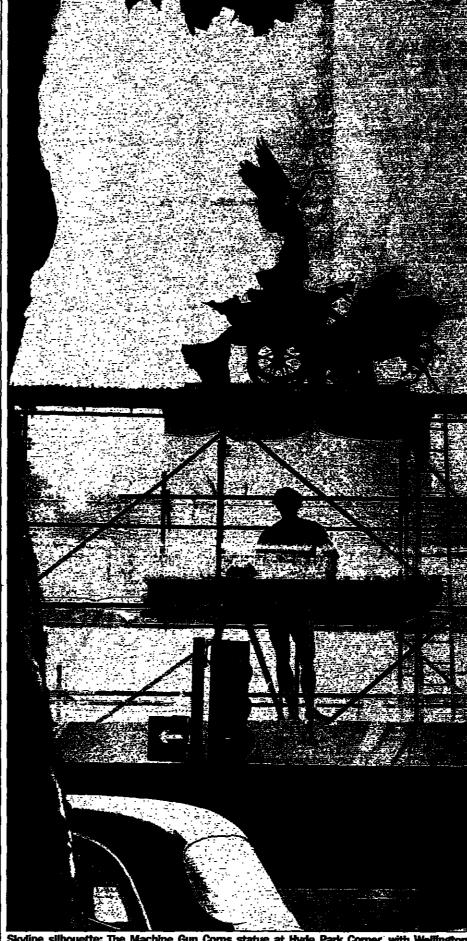
But Mr Dewar accepted yesterday that David Willetts, the Treasury minister and former Government whip, could not be dragged into the Hamilton net. He and Mr Kirkwood asked for a separate investigation by the new Standards and Privileges Committee into Mr Willetts' tole in an earlier MPs' ind into the Hamilton affair. It should look at his letter, which "at least considered putting

pressure on members of the then Committee on Members' Interests", the opposition chief whins said. On the Commons' first day back, Labour continued to press unrelated "cash-for-access" ac-

tomley, Secretary of State for National Heritage.
Jack Cunningham, Labour's
national heritage spokesman,
demanded: "Why did you charge tourism industry people £500 each to have breakfast with you

cusations against Virginia Bot-

last week in Bournemouth? Mrs Bottomley said the event was open to anyone paying £7.50 and added: "Anybody who thought the only way to speak to me was to pay £500 would waste a great deal of money." She went on: "My understanding is that if you want to go to one of the Labour Party's nosh ups in Park Lane you have to pay £1,000."



Skyline silhouette: The Machine Gun Corps statue at Hyde Park Corner, with Wellington Arch to the rear, swathed in sheeting for a three-month clean-up. Photograph: Kevin Weaver

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# Birt backs down over World Service

CHRIS BLACKHURST Westminster Correspondent

John Birt's plans to shake-up the BBC World Service received a set-back yesterday when the BBC Director-General bowed to pressure to introduce safeguards preserving its historic independence.
In a joint statement, the BBC

and Foreign Office, which funds the World Service, said 20 checks would be implemented to protect its reputation for quality. Foremost among them World Service would still have its own English language news

The statement followed heavy criticism of Mr Birt's plan to merge the World Service's English language news de-partment with the BBC's domestic news and current affairs operation. Under the proposal agreed by

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary and Sir Christopher Bland, Chairman of the BBC Board of Governors, the World Service will retain its own dedicated, standalone news-gath-Mr Rifkind, who is under-

stood to have been irritated by

plan was presented to him, insisted the two newsrooms should not be united completely and that the World Service should retain an element of control. Under the joint plan announced yesterday, they will move closer: World Service items will be produced by a dedicated unit within BBC News.

But the World Service will continue to have its own people seconded from BBC News. World Service programme commissioners will have the power was the assurance that the to specify content, style, range and breadth of programmes.



John Birt: 'Closer relations

World Service can go to senior BBC management - right up to Mr Birt - and the BBC's Board of Governors will have to be informed. Staff at the BBC remained "sceptical" about the impact of the safeguards. "We have still to be convinced," said one BBC insider. "There is still a lot of concern."

John Tusa, former head of the World Service, said the safeguards re-stated the position that had been in existence for Mr Birt said: "The process

has been healthy and constructive; it has strengthened the World Service, helped safeguard the quality and ethos of a service we all value, and deepened the relationship between the BBC and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office." Sir Christopher echoed Mr Birt: "It has been an extremely useful process. It has al-

lowed the BBC to clarify the issues and develop some of the detail of the re-organisation, enabling the Foreign Secretary to get a better understanding of the plans, and to recognise that the BBC vision for the World Service can bring substantial ad-

### Farmers' beef puts minister to flight

TONY HEATH

A police helicopter had to be called out yesterday to rescue the Secretary of State for Wales from a crowd of farmers protesting about the Government's ndling of the BSE crisis. William Hagne was visiting

Crymych in Pembrokeshire to announce a £375,000 Sportlot grant towards a new sports centre at the local secondary school when a crowd of around 100 farmers gathered and blocked surrounding roads with tractors and muck-spreaders.

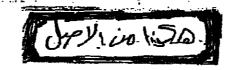
A stand-off developed before Dyfed-Powys police scrambled the force helicopter from its base at Carmarthen 20 miles away. But when Mr Hague arrived for his next engagement at Cardigan he was confronted by a further demonstration, and he agreed to meet a delegation to discuss their concerns.

Farmers' Union of Wales spokesman Gwilvm Thomas said the protests were spontaneous expressions of frustration. "Financial hardship is growing. and it is no wonder that farmers are running out of patience."

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by her dead husband was the own into relief yesterday as another bereaved wife revealed plans to have insemination treatment in the United States without facing legal restrictions. Sandra Reed, from west London, whose husband Danny died on their honeymoon, plans

Legal Affairs Editor

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to have a baby using his sperm

even though it was taken from when he was unconscious. Al-A widow's fight to have a child 1990 Human Fertilisation and ination, the Human Fertilisation Embryology Act, which insists on written consent in such circumstances, does not apply.
The case contrasts with the

dilemma facing the West Midlands woman known as DB, who will learn on Thursday whether she has succeeded in her courtbattle to conceive using sperm taken from her late husband

and Embryology Authority (HFEA) barred the use of his abroad because he had not giv-

en consent in writing. If Mrs B had been informed by hospital staff of the significance of written consent in cases where the father has died, she could have sought to be in-

seminated with the sperm behis body without his consent. though she and her husband fore her husband's life support taken from Mr Reed's body unBecause he died in Florida, the had discussed artificial insemmachine was switched off. til seven hours after he was pro-

Mrs Reed is spared the British restrictions because her husband died hours before they sperm either in Britain or were due to fly home from honeymoon. Danny Reed, a 24-year-old motor mechanic, died in an Orlando hospital of a brain hatmorrhage.
In what many British femility

specialists are likely to view as another clear distinction between

on. If I don't have his child now, I would regret it for the rest of

nounced dead on 2 September.
The extraction of sperm was Mrs Reed's experience will recarried out by Dr Mark Jutras, open arguments that the written the fertility specialist who pioneered the treatment two consent rule in the UK can operate too harshly and has been applied too narrowly in Mrs B's case, where the husband's wish-Dr Jutras asked Mrs Reed, es seemed to be known. But fer-28, to wait six months before tility experts yesterday emphasised the 1990 Act's in-. making up her mind about having the treatment. But she says:
"We dearly wanted a child ... I

the two cases, the sperm was not want part of my husband to live cluding consideration of the wel- gie or widowed women should fare of any child - without which not to try to have children. But written consent would be invalid.

Susan Rice, chief executive of Issue, the national fertility association, said she had sympa-thy for Mrs B but added: "We don't think it would be very sensible if the Act, which went through a lengthy process in Parliament, was begun to be un-picked on the basis of one or two cases." Ms Rice said Issue nev-

er presumed to suggest that sin-

she suggested Mrs Reed "might want to seek counselling to help her think through the conse-

quences of her decision". Dr Bryan Lieberman, director of the North West Region IVF Unit and a member of the HFEA, said he opposed the extraction of sperm from a husband who was clinically dead. "I am not aware of that happen-

Oaths sworn by members of secret society can demonstrate their greater degree of probity, senior court decides

years ago.

# Masons make better jurors, say judges Inquiry in A SE farmer

CHRIS BLACKHURST Westminster Correspondent

Freemasons may make better jurous than other people, three judges have suggested. One was Lord Carlisle, chairman of the

committee which advises the Prime Minister on former senior civil servants accepting jobs in the private sector. He was giving a ruling in the Court of Appeal in Guernsey with Sir Peter Crill and John Nutting QC.
Giving the unanimous written verdict of

the three judges, Sir Peter said: "A conscientious mason will, if anything, bring to the office of jurat [the Guernsey name for a juror] another degree of probity that will enhance not detract from that office." The court was asked to rule on an application to discover if a majority of the jurats who sat on a 1994 civil action were members of the secretive order. The plain-

tiff demanded to know if the defendants, their relations and members of the jury were freemasons. Not only did the appeal court dismiss the application but it went further. The suggestion that masons owed a higher degree adduty to each other than to their fellow saizens was rejected by the judges. "It follows," Sir Peter said, "that even if all the

jurats were masons their obligations as masons did not conflict with their duties as

dants were also in the same order. Vekaplast suspected the father and brother of the former director's wife belonged to the same

lodge as people on the jury.

It was argued, said Sir Peter, "that the influence of masonry was such that the jurats consciously or unconsciously showed bias".

Vekaplast's application was described by
the appeal court as "scandalous and

The judges based their view on the fact that in order to become a mason, a recruit has to pass a range of tests and swear a series of blood-curding oaths. While masons did not owe a higher duty to each other, their oaths required them to display a greater degree of probity, maintained the court.

That interpretation was disputed last night by the Labour MP Chris Mullin, who for some time has been concerned about the influence of masons in public life. Mr Mullin, the member for Sunderland South, sits on the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs, which is shortly to commence the first parliamentary investigation of freemasonry

and the legal system. "The record shows that you can have less confidence on the whole in the probity of public officials who are freemasons," Mr Mullin said.

In the Channel Islands, where there are in the Channel Islands, where there are numerous masonic lodges, there was inln 1994, a court dismissed a claim brought by Vekaplast Windows, a double glazing company, against a former director and his wife coloured greet, locals quoted an old-saying missanger or misappropriating 122,580.

On appeal; Vekaplast said it wanted to know if the jurors involved in the case were



A degree of probity: Masons' oaths impose higher standards, the judges suggested

Photograph: Stuart Freedman

### The oaths The juror's oath . "I swear by Almighty God that I will faithfully by the defendant(s) and give (a) true verdict(s) according to the evidence." The mason's oath After promising to keep the secrets of Freemasonry the initiate says the following: "These several points I solemnly swear to observe, without evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation of any kind, under no less penalty, on the violation of any of them, than that of having my throat cut across, my tongue tom out by the root, and buried in the sand of the sea at low water mark, or a cable's length from the shore, where the tide regularly ebbs and flows twice in 24 hours, or the more effective punishment of being branded as a wilfully perjured individual, void of all moral worth, and totally unfit to be received into this worshipful Lodge, or any other warranted Lodge or society of men, who prize honour and virtue above the external advantages of

# Battle over stream tests environment watchdog's power

### NICHOLASISCHOON

A mouth long war of words over water starts today with an un-precedented public inquiry over a much-loved chalk stream. It will establish how much power the Government's top environmental watchdog has over the privatised water companies. The Environment Agency

wants to cut the amount of water Thames Water is licensed to take from the chalk aquifer below the River Kennet during times of low flow. If it succeeds this will establish an important precedent in water supply ver-sus wildlife conflicts. At the four week inquity, held in a hotel in



Newbury, Berkshire, the agency will claim the Kennet – a Gov-ernment-designated Site of Spe-cial Scientific Interest because of its rich wildlife - is already damaged by abstraction from the Axford borehole, less than half a mile from the river. The agency will argueit has the right to insist that it can alter Thames' abstraction licence for low flow periods, and that the water company should not have to be compensated for the loss.

But Thames Water, Britain's biggest privatised water company, will have none of this, It argues that the borehole, near Mariborough, is doing no damage to the river, and that the agency has no legal powers to restrict its water abstraction licence, which dates back to 1965.

Dr Peter Spillet, the company's environment manager, said: This makes it quite inpossible for us to justify spendmg millions of pounds of customers' money developing alternative sources of drinking water. The borehole supplies drinking water to 180,000 people in fast growing Swindon and



Full flow: The River Kennet as seen through the village of Mildenhall, near

At the end of the inquiry the Government's inspector, water engineer Ian McPherson, will present conclusions to the Secretary of State for the Environment who must make a

sides have legal teams headed final decision. Under the exist-by a Queen's Counsel barrister. ing licence the water company can take up to 13.7 million litres a day from the borehole, but when the Kennet's flow slows to below 61.4 million litres a day, this maximum

9.9 million litres. In an average year the slow-down happens for

about six weeks. The agency wants to phase in curbs gradually. From 2005 onwards it wants Thames to take only 2 million litres a day durabstraction drops to a daily ing low flow periods. The low

Photograph: John Lawrence

flow limit of the Kennet would be shifted upwards to 104 ???million litres a day; the rivthat for three months in an av-

erage year. Dr Chris Newbold, the leading river specialist with the

vation arm English Nature, will tell the hearing that low flows are exacerbating other environmental stresses. Sediment from a sewage works and the intensively farmed fields on either side of the stream is building up on the stream bottom, smothering the Kennet's gravel beds. The growth of water crowfoot, the floating plant characteristic of English chalk streams, is being retarded as a result, and the

low flows mean pollutants are reaching high concentrations. Also giving evidence in favour of shrinking Thames' licence will be the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and retired sur-geon Roger de Vere, chairman of the local anglers' association and treasurer of Action for the River Kennet.

"It's already a sick river, a shadow of its former self," said Mr de Vere, who has lived in a mill beside the River Kennet for 26 years. He added that the numbers of snipe nesting in the watermeadows, the lampreys in the river, and the dragonflies and kinglishers in the area,

in London to eliminate the 'ugly" muddy foreshore have met a flood of opposition. Local councils, the Government's Environment Agency and other groups and individuals, are strongly against the River Thames Society's proposal for a tidal barrier at Chelsea.

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A barrier, besides costing would cost millions of pounds. would maintain a fixed high-water level for several miles upstream to the locks at Teddington, where the tidal river ends. Freed from the tricky tidal currents and narrow passage at low water, pleasure craft would find this stretch of river far easier to navigate. The society, a charity which

campaigns for river conservation, is itself split on the scheme. And the London Rivers Association, which represents river-ine councils and several other bodies including the society itself, is against it. "We think it's outrageous," said a spokeswoman. "It would damage the river's ecology and it would add to the problem of a rising water table in central London.



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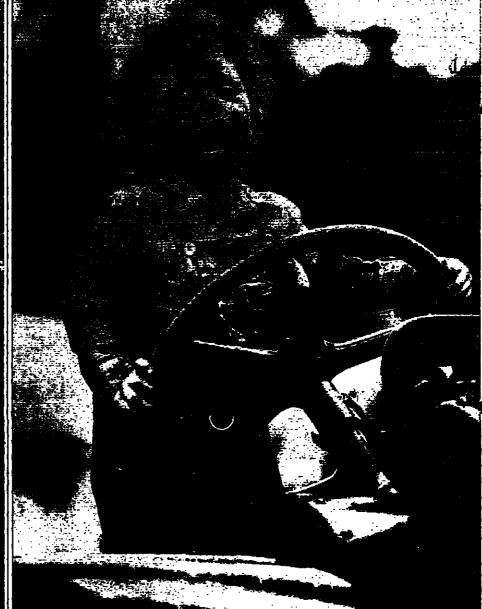
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# Flash, bang wallop... snaps that go to the heart of Britain





Snap happy: A picture entitled Trimming the Wicket (left), and the winning shot, Steam Rally Boy, which are in Heart of Britain, a book of photographs taken by individuals throughout the country. It was launched yesterday at a reception hosted by the Harrods chairman, Mohamed Al Fayed, and attended by the Princess of Wales; profits go towards heart-disease research at London's Royal Brompton Hospital

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# Maths exam pass mark was 14%

**GGUL HTIGUL Education Editor** 

Government advisers have criticised an exam board for making a maths paper so difficult that the pass mark had to be lowered to 14 per cent.

Group, has been asked to meet officials tomorrow after an inquiry into the board's actions.

ium and Assessment Authority was much too easy.

one particular paper were still awarded C grades in this summer's GCSE maths.

The paper in question was one of two set for the most able candidates and the overall John Day, the chief executive mark required for a C was 28 of the Southern Examining per cent - but on one paper it was only 14 per cent.

The paper was made more difficult after government ex-The unpublished inquiry re- amination advisers complained port from the School Curricu- that the previous year's paper

investigated why candidates The report into this year's who scored such a low mark in exam says it was marked too sure that the paper is less difharshly and candidates were given too little credit for those questions they had attempted.

Exam advisers concluded that all the correct examinations procedures had been followed but it was not good exam practice to make the exam so difficult. The report added, however, that the overall standard required for a grade C for maths was maintained because

C who did not deserve one.

Mr Day will be asked to enficult next year and that the questions are easier for less able candidates to understand.

The report acknowledges that the mark for a C was lowered for good reasons.

It accepts that changing the mark required to achieve different grades is common praccandidates are not to be penalised because an examination no candidate was awarded a paper is more difficult than in

# Hospital puts ban on elderly patients

A hospital in west London is refusing to admit elderly emer-northern part of the borough gency patients and has was within Mount Vernon's cancelled all non-emergency surgery because it has run out of beds, it emerged last night, as doctors warned of an impending winter crisis in the Na-

tional Health Service. Hillingdon Hospital has told family doctors in the north of the borough that it can take no more GP emergency referrals of patients over 75 because 30 acute beds – 1 in 10 of its total - are blocked by elderly people waiting to be discharged into community care. Instead, the GPs have been told to refer elderly patients to nearby Mount

Vernon Hospital in Northwood. Alfred Morris, Labour MP for Manchester Wythenshawe, called the decision to refuse people medical care on the grounds that they were too old "grossly and unbelievably callous", and he urged Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, to in-

Before the NHS changes the catchment area, but both hospitals now have contracts with Hillingdon Health Authority

its casualty department in April the number of elderly patients referred to Hillingdon increased. Transport services to Hillingdon are better than to Mount Vernon and GPs believe that a hospital with a casualty department has better facilities than one without. Dr Mitch Garsin, a local GP,

said: "I think this is just a precursor for what we are going to see throughout the health service this winter ... Many GPs feel they have a right to send their patients where they want to. The health authority has a contract with both hospitals." Mount Vernon has said that

it can cope for the time being but doctors fear a "knock-on" effect if the problem becomes long-term or if there is an influenza epidemic in the coming

Philip Brown, chief executive of the Hillingdon Hospital Trust, said yesterday: "If we take and compete for patients. When Mount Vernon closed any more of these patients it will start to put a strain on our acute services. We have simply said, look, we'll provide all our normal services to our normal catchment area but for the time being we can't take these re-

ferred patients from outside our He said that no elderly person who arrived at the hospital in an ambulance would be turned away but other emergency re-

ferrals would be redirected. Chris Smith, Labour's pokesman on health, said that the Hillingdon crisis was another example of the two-tier NHS which is gripping Britain. "Not only will you not get emer-gency treatment at Hillingdon

wrong part of the borough, either," he said. "Cash crises like this are an inevitable consequence of the Torics market-led cuts. Last year there were almost a third fewer NHS beds in London than there were in 1989-90.

Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Medical Association, said that the problems at Hillingdon were part of a "broader and gloomy canvas across NHS and community care". He added: "It is quite unacceptable ageism that elderly patients who need care and deserve special consideration should be made to feel that they are bed-blockers. Hospitals and social service departments should not be squabbling over who is responsible for provision for vulnerable people. The hud-

gets are simply too tight overall." Hospital consultants last we warned that hospitals were close to collapse as the demanding winter period approached.

# Information overload makes managers ill

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Editor

The arrival of the Information Age was finally confirmed yes-terday when - like the Gulf war and chronic fatigue – a new syn-drome was named after it.

Information overload syndrome is the result of the rapid growth of communications such as faxes, voice-mail, electronic mail, junk mail and the Internet, according to a new in-ternational survey. Its symptoms include a feeling of inability to cope with the incoming data as it piles up, and it can result in mental stress and even physical illness which may require time off work. The sur-

problem among managers and almost all expect it to be-Executives and their juniors say they are caught in a dilemma: everyone tells them that they should have more information so they can make better decisions, but the proliferation of sources makes it impossible

vey found that it is a growing

to keep abreast of the data. The report, called "Dying for Information?" and compiled by Reuter, drew on interviews with 1,300 managers in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. It found that half already complained of information overload, partly caused by "enormous" amounts of unsolicited information, and the same proportion expected the

Internet to become a prime cause of the problem in the next two years. "These days, if you're a manager trying to do down a colleague, the best way to do it isn't to deny them access to data - it's to flood them in it," David Lewis, a psychologist who runs an independent consultancy on

The growth of information has been relentless. The New York Times contains as much distinct information every day as the average 17th-century person encountered in a lifetime. Ruth Sacks, an independent

consultant based in Sheffield. said about 12 months ago she was working seven days a week for clients "sending faxes, e-mail and reports, all of which had to be read and absorbed immediately, or so they said". She began feeling fatigued, with stomach pains and eye problems. "I took two days off and decided to be more structured in my dealings with these."

She now sets strict time limits for dealing with tasks, and throws away anything she does not need at once.

# Paris fashion house chiefs change clothes

TAMSIN BLANCHARD

At a reception hosted by British logue at the British Embassy in Paris on Sunday night, the mood was buoyant. As Paris Fashion Week came to a close, the industry heard that John Galliano will head the house of Dior, after only three seasons at Givenchy, and that fellow British bad boy, Alexander Mc-Queen - after only eight seasons in business - is to succeed him at Givenchy. Our home-grown designers now lead the estab-

lished French couture houses. There are, of course, a few gaps on the British front. Another job that had been up for grabs - designing a line of new luxury clothing for Louis Vuitton - will not go to Vivienne Westwood, as rumoured, but the American designer, Marc Jacobs. And, the most successful of all the houses, Chanel, still

has Karl Lagerfeld at the helm. Yesterday, at the show, the disco dollybirds with matted wig hair, posed from their moving travelator, a moving walkway



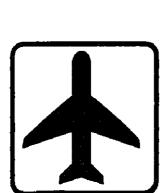
and off to lead Dior

that seemed as long as those you find at Heathrow Airport, First there were smart riding suits with crisp white shirts, black ties and jodhpurs, all reminiscent of the outfits that Coco Chanel used to wear.

Then came suits made from: the sort of pastel prints that are usually reserved for make-up bags, and worn with patent leather trainers produced in

bright girlic colours.
The outfits whizzed past or the conveyor belt fast and furious, ranging from leather hot pants, to a baby-blue, tiered and beaded dress. There was Fifties plissé prom dress, finey-knitted sweater dresses are then classic Chanci suits sparkly boucle wool. The silhoueste was long and lean and the presentation snap.

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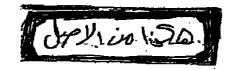
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# BA tells staff to work longer for less pay

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British Airways' 17,000 ground staff have been urged to take pay cuts of up to a third, a threevear wage freeze or a five-hour increase in the working week as part of the airline's most radical plans yet to maximise

Apart from the pay cut, which would cost many of them £100 a week, employees have been asked to consider a reduction in their leave entitlement and the abolition of holiday pay, The Independent has learned.

The suggestions - which also include flexible annual hours and overtime at basic rates - are among 60 options presented to

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filbn by the end of the decade and boost profits, which this

year reached a record £535m. It is understood that union leaders are preparing to ballot ground staff on industrial action in protest at the cuts, but mantent is drawing up relatively erous severance terms for those who prefer to leave.

The company is seeking similar sacrifices on pay from some 600 cabin crew, based at up-gional airports, as part of the company's "Step Change" in-tiative to make film profits in-four years' time. four yeers' time. The regional workforce has-

been told that if the cuts are not achieved, BA will franchise the services to other airlines. The "Step Change" docu-ment also warns that some

to take advantage of lower pay

It has already set up "on-screen" functions in India to take advantage of a numerate English-speaking population, who will work for less than a tenth of the pay received by British staff.

Aircrew on long-hanl flights have been asked to agree to the introduction of more foreignbased staff, presently numbering 850. Most of them will be ricing for lower rates than their British-based colleagues .. Pay rates for newly employed

staff on long-hand flights are expected to decline by around 20 per cent. The airline intends to recruit 4,000 new crew over the

be floated off as a separate com-pany, is seeking 1,700 voluntary redundancies out of a workforce of around 7,000. Overall the company says it wants to cut about 5,000 jobs. BA intends to make a huge investment in re-

placement aircraft.

A spokesman said the prowere about "the survival of the airline". "If we do not act now our profits will rapidly decline and all our jobs will be threatened," he said.

with staff to find the solutions. "In many areas we have started the debate by listing a num-ber of possibilities. We are waiting for staff to respond

Dancing girl: Monica Zamora in Nutcracker Sweeties, a David Bintley production for Birmingham Royal Ballet. The show, on a national tour, is based on Tchaikovsky's ballet but has music by Duke Ellington and costumes by Jasper Conran. It opens in Bristol tonight. David Lister, page 19

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### Mercy killing brother goes free

A man who killed his elder brother in the first known mercy killing case to have reached the Scottish courts walked free yesterday to an emotional welcome from friends and relatives. Paul Brady, 37, was told by a judge at the High Court in

Glasgow that in the "exceptional" circumstances a prison sentence was not appropriate. Brady had been charged origi nally with murder, but the Crown had accepted a reduced plea of culpable homicide.

Brady, from Skelmanthor-pe, West Yorkshire, killed his brother James, 40, a victim of the degenerative illness Huntingdon's disease, on Boxing Day last year. James died at his sister's home in Glasgow. He had been spending Christmas away from a nursing home and had asked his elder brother to kill him. Brady gave him alcohol and extra medication and put a pillow over his face.

Relatives speaking on BBC television in Scotland said Huntingdon's disease had been a blight on their family; they had also watched the brothers' mother die from the disease, an illness that has no cure.

Gordon Jackson QC, for the prosecution, called it a "difficult and unique case" to be dealt with not on the basis of a "mat-ter of principle" but in the in-terests of the justice of the individual case. The judge, Lord McFadven

told Brady that since the killing he had been living under the "shadow" of a murder charge, but that there had been "powerful" mitigating factors surbrought your brother's life to an end at his own carnest and prolonged heartfelt request," said Lord McFadyen.

The judge said he was satisfied that Brady had acted out of compassion and that there was no need for a custodial sentence

But he added: "Whatever the motivation may have been and however mitigating the circumstances, the deliberate taking of a life of another remains a serious crime ... In the exceptional circumstances of this case, the disposal must not be taken as reflecting any general view on the part of the courts, but simply the sentence I regard as appropriate in the individual circumstances of this case.

"I do not consider a custodial sentence is necessary or appropriate. Such a sentence would add to the already substantial suffering of those close to you."

### DAILY POEM

Grange-over-Sands By John Hegley

When they had fallen asleep in the great hotel, the snow fell.

By the morning it had laid and after their Cumbrian breakfast they came out into the quiet flakes and made

a snow dog: Although it had no name or bone, it had its own snowball and a small snow owner who seemed to be an infinitely patient man,

and what with the Woodland Walk and the nearby Lakes they found themselves agreeing that it was a very good place to bring a dog into being.

John Hegley, who lives in Newington Green, London, is a performance poet, singer, songwriter and broadcaster. Methnen this week publish The Family Pack, a sandwich of two previous collections Can I Come Down Now Dad? and These Were Your Pather's, with the new The Brother in-law and Other Animals.

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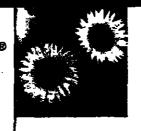
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The second part of The Independent's series on the economy looks at how inflation will remain a danger if the Government encourages companies to pay dividends to shareholders rather than invest in the future

# Why failure to invest could kill recovery

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

With the economy shaping up to be a key electoral battleground, one of the fronts on which the Labour Party will be making a concerted push is investment - or rather, the lack of it in the UK-

Investment is the dog that has not barked in this recovery. If er inflation rate. there is a danger that interest rates might have to rise to guard against rising inflation, it to the extent that business peowill be because Britain's industrial capacity is woefully inad-

equate, according to Labour. show that companies are already troublingly close to full capacity. Total investment spending across the economy increased by a third in the 1986 to 1989 boom. But it declined sharply during the following three years, and has expanded so little in the four years since the bottom of the recession the level of spending is still a tenth

below its 1989 peak. On the face of it, businesses are not giving the future of the "Enterprise Centre for Europe" much of a vote of confidence. The picture is particularly disappointing in manufacturing, where investment spending fell sharply in real terms in the first half of this year.

There are two possible explanations for this lacklustre performance by British business. One explanation - backed by research carried out two years ago by the Bank of England and the Confederation of British Industry - is that companies have not adjusted the rate of return they demand from investment

The Bank's economists have

which have a return of about 20 per cent after tax, in money terms - a very demanding rate when inflation is only between 2 to 3 per cent. Almost threequarters of the companies sur-veyed in March 1994 had not adjusted their investment criteria to take account of the low-

This hurdle to investment should by now have come down, ple are confident inflation will remain low and stable.

But the second obstacle has After only a few months of been uncertainty about the levfaster economic growth, surveys el of demand. After strong growth in 1994, the economy slowed again last year, and manufacturing toppled back into a mini-recession from which, by all accounts, it is barely emerging.

On both counts, prospects for

increased investment next year look bright. Most forecasters reckon Britain is poised for the strongest performance since 1988. In fact, the key areas of private sector investment have already begun to rise sharply. The economy-wide measure has been depressed by the massive cuts in public sector investment not remotely made up by the Private Finance Initiative.

Remove the very depressed construction sector and the reduced investment spending by the privatised electricity and gas industries, and the picture looks brighter still. Investment by the corporate sector grew by more than 10 per cent in the year to the April-June quarter,

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So in the run up to the general election the prospects for The share of investment in total GDP is lower in the UK than in other industrial countries. This factor leaves the economy vulnerable to inflation whenever growth picks up from a fairly low rate.

The Labour Party has some policies to increase British investment. These centre on discouraging takeovers and short-term shareholding. The party would probably also restructure corporate tax to reduce the attraction of paying rather than retaining profits for investment purposes.

# Firms gear up to get ahead of the game

MICHAEL HARRISON

It may be a long way from Walthamstow to the Bavarian capital of Munich and yet a common theme links a small endon and one of Europe's most prestigious carmakers. Both are investing in Britain and

both are investing for the future. Last week, BMW of Germany announced that it will spend £3bn on its British subsidiary Rover by the end of the decade in order to increase production by a half to 750,000 cars a year.

Spring Steel Productions of Fulbourne Road, London E17, has embarked on a rather more modest expansion. It is investing £4m in new premises and

Why the fortunes of BMW and a small London company are linked vesting for the future. If we were

equipment so that it can raise its output of springs and precision castings that go into, among other things, Rover cars. One investment programme may dwarf the other but they are equally important to the two

BMW's ambitious but risky strategy is to turn Rovers into niche, upmarket cars and yet produce them in greater vol-umes. Spring Steel Productions wants to position itself to take maximum advantage of the new trend in manufacturing for large car and electrical goods makers and the like to do business

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work there will be a high price to pay not just in Longbridge and Cowley but also in Munich. "If Rover fails then it will not only be a problem for Rover, it will be a big problem for BMW," says Walter Hasselkus, who took over as chief execu-

tive of Rover six weeks ago. If Spring Steel Productions has misread its markets and its customers, who include the likes of Electrolux, AC Delco and Psion, then the consequences will be equally dire. Con Goss, the company's chairman, says this is its biggest

investment since he founded the

business with his father, Tom,

If BMW's strategy does not 42 years ago. The amount be-ork there will be a high price ing invested is the equivalent of sults we could make a profit nearly half the firm's total from Rover in two years but that turnover. When the expansion is complete it will create at least 50 jobs – swelling the wages bill by a fifth. Mr Goss says: "People are falling over themselves to lend money but we have a healthy

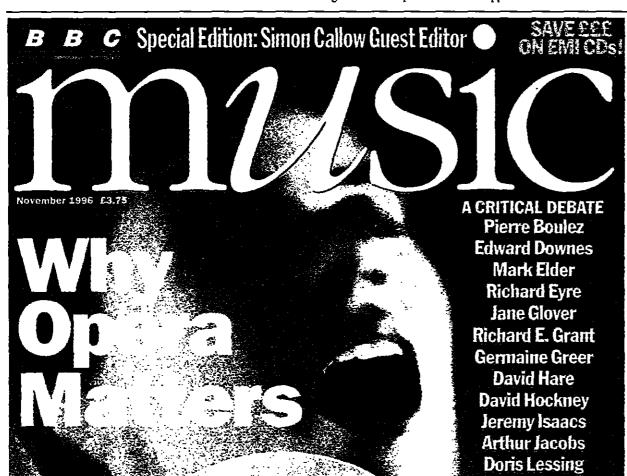
A lot has been said and written about how industry has been deterred from investing by City short-termism and the level of returns demanded by the providers of capital.

But neither of these two companies has been daunted by excessively high hurdle rates. Mr Hasselkus says: "Rover will not start to make a profit until the next century but BMW is taking a long-term view and ingrowing strongly again, the next one might be waiting around the

This is not the case for BMW or Spring Steel Productions. Such is the long-term nature of the investment at Rover that it will straddle at least two full cycles of the economy, perhaps

Back at Walthamstow, the only thing that stopped Ma Goss embarking on the inverse ment earlier was lack of a site "We badly needed room for expansion and were thinking of moving out of London. Then the factory next door came on the market.

"This solved the problem for us without the upheaval of a move for the firm and its em-



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# Boot camps are not a soft option, says minister

Crime Correspondent

Ann Widdecombe, the Prisons minister, yesterday dismissed suggestions that the new American-style boot camps for young offenders was a soft option.

Her comments followed a vis-it to a Cheshire institution to their rooms and kit, and spend watch an early morning parade ground drill. The Home Office was string by reports that some of the 37 offenders on the new programme believed it to be more like a hol-

Speaking at the Thorn Cross Young Offenders' Institution, near Warrington, which takes young offenders aged between 18 and 21, she said: "What we were trying to do was get the lines at Colchester Army Prison, a chance when we come out best practice from the United in Essex, before planning a here than anywhere, really."

tice from Britain, from our own young offender institutions."

The five-month programmes at Thorn Cross cost nearly £14,000 for each offender against the £8,500 individual costs at ordinary institutions. up to three hours shining their shoes, before the officers' morning inspection. The regime includes education, PE sessions, meetings on topics, such

The Government is studying the effects of the regime, and will also be looking at a similar

national strategy for dealing with young criminals.

One of the Thorn Cross inmates, Andrew Honey, 19, from London, said: "You get more respect from the other immates because we are treated as a team here ... only yourself can make you change, but this regime is going to help me change. If people want it to work, it will work."

Carl Johnson, 20, from Newton Heath, Manchester, said: "It does my head in, this marching all this brick dust, that does my head in as well. Sometimes you think it might be better in a closed prison."

-Another inmate, Stefan, 18 project run on more military added: "We have got a more of lines at Colchester Army Prison, a chance when we come out of

# Anger boils over in fish-quotas battle

KATHERINE BUTLER Luxembourg

Britain and Spain clashed an-grily over fishing rights yester-day setting the scene for a bitter confrontation with Europe on the emotive problem of

quota-hopping".

European fisheries ministers meeting in Luxembourg unan-imously rejected controversial proposals for cuts of up to 40 per cent in catches to save dwindling stocks of key species like cod, haddock and sardines. But the row over Spanish trawlers using Britain's national quota erupied into the open amid accusations of theft and piracy.

Fisheries minister Tony Baldry vowed to block agreement of "any compulsory or substantial" cuts to the British fleet until the EU takes action to stop foreign - notably Spanish and Dutch - fishermen buying UK vessels to take advantage of British catch quotas.

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Mr Baldry's use of the term "quota-hopping" caused im-mediate offence to the Spanish minister, Loyola de Palacio,

mean "looting or piracy". Sig-regulated byEU production nalling Spain's complete reject Equotas she said. tion of British demands for a A defiant Mr Baldry then change in the EU treaty to deepened the row by suggest-make quota-hopping illegal Ms. ing to reporters that Ms de Pala-de Palacio accused the British cio was right to regard the term government of wanting a single European market only where it

uited Britain

The European Court had ruled that Spanish boat owners could buy British trawlers and operate on the basis of Britain's fishing quotas because fishing was governed by the rules of the single market. There could be no going back on this verdict she said. The same principle applied when British commercial interests invested in the Spanish



"quota-hopping" as pejorative.
"I used the word quota-hop-

ping I can't be responsible if that is interpreted as another word in Spanish or if she is somewhat sitive. However if the Spanish think that quota hopping involves an element of taking from others that which does not belong to them then I suspect that seconds with the feelings of many in the UK fishing fleet".

Mr. Baldry insisted that Britism would sign up to no new capacity cuts until talks to review the Maastricht treaty address the quota-hopping problem which he said was "quite crazy". Fishing was an exception from the normal rules of the single market because of the system of

national quotas he said. Negotiations on reducing fish catches are scheduled to conclude in December, but the extent of opposition makes it reached within that time scale.

# Blair puts the family at heart of moral crusade

ANTHONY BEVINS

Tony Blair yesterday put the family at the heart of his call for a "decent society", in which op-portunity was matched by re-sponsibility.

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in a speech flagged as a vital ingredient in the development of Labour policy for government, Mr Blain told the Commonwealth Press Union in the decent society will be built."

Most children who are bed

are made bad, not born bad," he said. "And we, their parents and the society we create, are what make them. It is in the family that we learn the difference between right and wrong."
Labour leadership sources
said last night that Mr Blair was

keen to move on from the party conferences with a positive nounced him as "phoney Tony, the TV evangelist", attempting to take the moral high-ground while, in fact, using that as cover for an extension of state power and the creation of the nanny state".

Mr Blair said nothing an-gered him more than the "nanby state" accusation. "Without upport for family life, and for the norms of proper conduct towards one another, we all will suffer," he said.

He was also careful to offer pre-emptive defence against

Blair on youth: 'Most children who are bad are made bad, not born bad...' Blair on law: 'Absence of prejudice should not mean the absence of rules, of order...' Cape Town: "It is upon the values of the extended family that Blair on society: 'We need a new morality that doesn't seek to recreate the past...'

accuse him of wanting to return to John Major's "back to basics"

"I have no desire," he said, "to return to the age of Victorian hypocrisy about sex, to women's place being only in the kitchen, to homophobia, or to preaching to people about their private lives as the ill-fated back to basics' campaign of the Conservatives attempted to do.

"But the absence of prejudice should not mean the absence of rules, of order, of stability. day. Let the social morality be based on reason, not bigotry. But let us not delude ourselves that

making a moral judgement

Mr Blair said Labour's programme for child-care and for more nursery education would be good for children and for parents who wanted to work.

about the nature of that society."

But parents had duties, too: duties to help schools, and to know where their children were. and what they were doing, af-

"Dealing with truancy must be a combined effort of school, police, local organisations and parents," Mr Blair said. "I get sick and tired of seeing parents say it's all the school's fault. the teacher's fault, society's fault, when often it may be their we can build a society fit for our fault but they will not face their children to grow up in, without

the so-called blue-collar workers. This is utter nonsense. Because of the breach of

to be out on their own late at

night, and I can see many rea-sons why they shouldn't be -- not

least for their own safety. We are

examining measures to tackle

this. Some have called it curfew.

Those two measures - on

truancy and a curiew for children

who had not committed a crim-

inal offence - prompted a Con-

servative charge that Mr Blair wanted to use local "bureau-

cracy" to meddle in private lives.

not link the speech with their

class-based attack on Mr Blair. the Labour leader volunteered:

"Conventional wisdom has it

that in the pursuit of middle-

While the Conservatives did

I call it child protection."

Tory tax piedges, Labour had made "considerable progress" in

winning middle-class trust, Mr Blair said. But the party was also gaining disproportionate support from the working classes because of its tough approach to law and order. "It shows how little many of

our opinion-formers know of the world in which most people have to live that they assume a tough stance on law and order and support for family life are calculated to appeal to the more affluent in our society... "While no crime can be ex-cused, and while the costs of

crime must be paid by all of us, it is the poor and disadvantaged whose quality of life has suffered most."

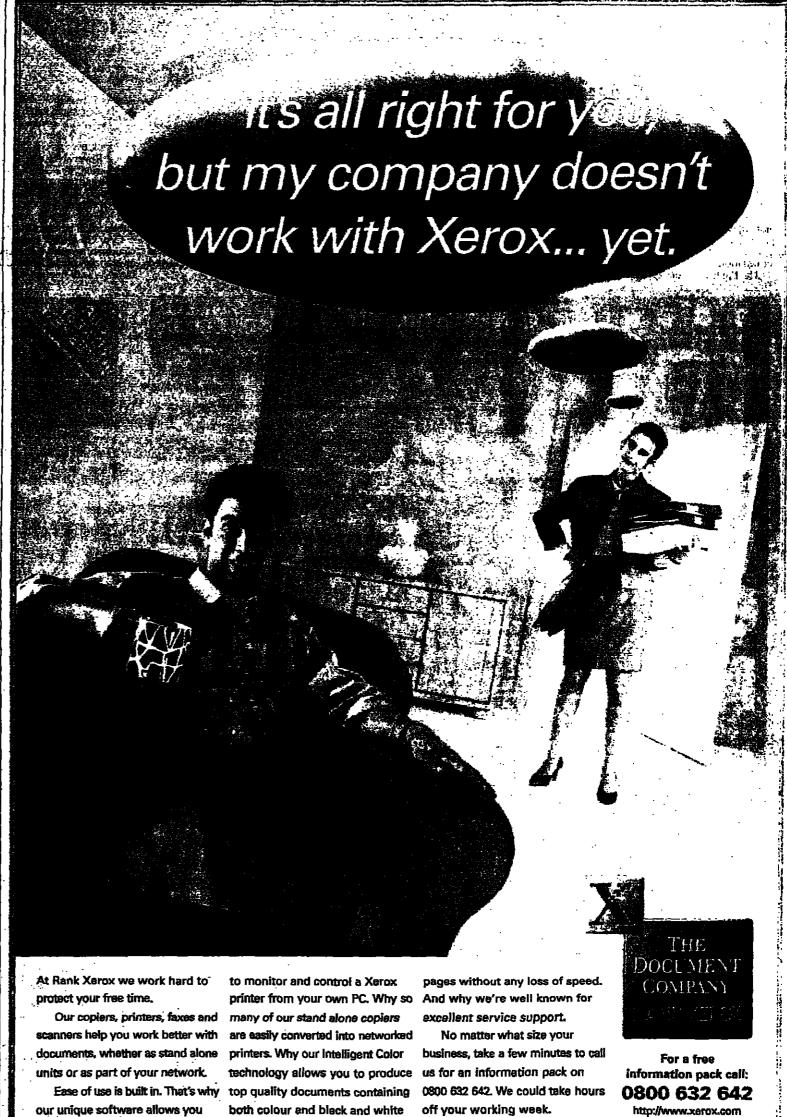
Mr Blair lamented the loss of decent British values" but he

did not believe that it was impossible to rediscover the best of those values. We need a new social moral ity for today that doesn't seek

to recreate the past, but doesn't ignore the truth about our society just because it is convenient to do so," he said. The right claim to have won

the intellectual arguments through the 1980s. But their laissez-fuire policies have destroyed the very thing they claimed they would create: individual security and fulfilment.

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Bither you've got it or you haven't

Disco revolution: Survey finds more than four in ten adults regularly go to clubs, with older ravers more welcome than ever



A little night music: The core clientele remains 15- to 24-year-olds, but clubs are not as age-exclusive as they used to be

# Over-45s get a second wind for. nightclubbing

So Peter Stringfellow wasn't out there on his own after all. One in three over 45-year-olds now dances the night away at nightclubs and discotheques around the country, a new survey has revealed.

According to the market re-searchers Mintel, more than four in ten adults go clubbing now, up from 34 per cent two years ago. And the biggest leap has been amongst 45-54-yearolds, where 15 per cent more now go to chibs

There are now 4,100 nightclubs in Britain compared with 4,200 in 1994. Drinks - usually

Photograph: Craig Easton

majority of the revenue generated by the club and also the bulk of profits they make.

The core clientele of night-clubs still remains to 15-24year-olds, of whom nearly half go chubbing regularly. But Chris Butcher, the report's author says clubs have recognised the need to cater for older visitors.

"Nightclubs have recognised this trend," he said. "It's part-ly because of the rising divorce rate. People are finding it harder to find a partner, so they are going to clubs to find romance. "With increased working time and the pressures on

leisure time they are more keen to go to clubs. They also have more disposable income compared with the younger agegroups and so can afford club prices. Nightclubs have reacted to this trend by organising more theme nights, such as over-25 nights and over-35-nights".

And Dom Phillips editor of Miomag, the leading dance music and club culture magazine. said chibs today are not as ageexclusive as they used to be: "It is all about having the right at-titude," he said. "The kind of club which is more techno-orientated also tends to be openminded. You could be 60 and

tional change, the idea of the second childhood. People are not settling down until later, so it's not unusual for 35-year-olds to go out. And a lot of DIs are in their late thirties, so it's not a big deal. Dance music is very all-embracing. It's not about where you're from or how old you are, it's where you're at,"

says Mr Phillips Regionally, Scotland and the North-west represent the highest proportion of frequent visfrequent visitor to nightclubs

with London lagging behind, representing only 9 per cent. By the end of 1996, industry revenue will break through the £2bn barrier for the first time. Average spend per head will be £11.60 which is considerably lower than the 1991 level of £13.77, due to increase in the importance of mid-week trading nights when people tend to spend less money

However, too many drugs are being taken in clubs according to clubbers. More than a third of 15-24-year-olds agreed with the statement "too many drugs are taken at clubs" - double the view who took this view two years ago.

Nightclubs and Discotheques is



TÓNY HEATH

A social worker who blew the whistle on the alleged abuse of children in the care of a South Wales council is to defy a gagging order from her employers.

Karen Mackay, who works for Cardiff County Council, was told by letter not to speak out again after she publicly criticised the cut in a prison sentence handed out to Geoffrey Morris, a former social worker at the now closed Taff Vale children's home in the Whitchurch

Judge Michael Gibbons reduced Morris's five-year sentence for indepently assaulting three boys in his care to 40 months. The judge said he had not seen key video evidence before imposing the original sentence.

Ms Mackay pointed out yesterday that her strictures were aimed at the sentence reduction. not the authority. "I expressed my personal thoughts about

the sentence on a man I had previously known and trusted being cut. That had nothing to do with the council."

Currently on sick leave, Ms Mackay fears that she could be disciplined when she returns to work. "The letter from the assistant director of social services warns: We will wish to talk about this further when you return to work'.

Ms Mackay worked at the Taff Vale home before it closed in 1991. She has made allegations about abuse at other agement to her worries at the beginning of the year, but says no action other than a joint investigation by police and social services into the former Taff

Vale home has been taken. Denying that the letter was a threat, a council spokesman said: "There is nothing sinister about the letter. No member of staff is allowed to speak to the media about matters relating to work."



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# Austria's far right claims Goldsmith as ally

"All the people who want to push

the Freedom Party into a far-right

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**ADRIAN BRIDGE** Central Europe Correspondent

Flushed with its success in Sunday's ections to the European parliament. Austria's far right Freedom Party yesterday said that it had formed links with members of Sir James Goldsmith's anti-European movement, and right-wing Conservatives.
Jörg Haider, the Freedom Party's

leader, said that his party was seek-ing to join forces with all those who shared its aim to revise the Maastricht treaty on closer integration and to oppose the speedy introduction of a single European currency.

Mr Haider refused to name names, but others in the party indicated that likely allies could include Sir James Goldsmith's "Europe of the Nations" group, members of the Italian Northern League led by Umberto Bossi, and even Euro-sceptic British Conservative MEPs, cur-rently part of the centre-right Enropean People's Party bloc. Sir James's group in perilously close to the minimum 18 MEPs required to form a group in the European

parliament.
"We have developed some pretty Bossi groupings and some British Socialists still in the driving seat

As a man who has publicly praised

cess in the Austrian vote.

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Conservatives," said Wolfgang Jung, a Freedom Party MEP. "What we would like would be to have informal arrangements with them, a form of technical co-operation."

A spokesman for the Conservative MEPs described as "absolute rubbish" the suggestion that any of them would want to work with Mr Haider. "No approaches have been made to British Conservatives in Strasbourg, nor would they accept any such approaches," he said. "There has clearly been a misinterpretation."

The Freedom Party's five MEPs

(to be increased to six as a result of Sunday's vote) stand outside all Strasbourg's established political groupings and are lumped together with an assortment of unaffiliated independents, including the Reverend lan Paisley and members of the French National Front, headed by

corner have to recognise it as a conservative party like any other in Europe," said Mr Sichrovsky, a man who once described Mr Haider as "scum" but who then converted to his cause. "I can tell you that several conservative parties [in Stras-bourg] were just waiting for this

The Freedom Party's 27.6 per cent Hitler's employment policies and the in Sunday's vote brought it to with-"decency" of members of the Waffen SS, Mr Haider is generally considered to be beyond the political pale. Three years ago the formerly liberal Freedom Party was expelled in less than two percentage points of Anstria's two leading parties, the So-cial Democrats and conservative People's Party, which scored 29.1 per cent and 29.6 per cent respectively. Leaders of the two main parties from the Liberal International and it has since been shunned by all the mainstream parties in both Austria sought to dismiss it as a protest vote riggered by anger over a cost-cut-With his blatantly xenophobic and populist policies, Mr Haider has often been likened to Mr Le Pen, ting budget passed earlier this year, and distilusionment with the European Union almost two years after

whose party was alone in Europe in In addition to revising the Maas-tricht treaty and slowing moves to-wards economic and monetary union, welcoming the Freedom Party's suc-After years out in the cold, however, Mr Haider is now making a concert-Mr Haider's priorities in Europe ined effort to gain political acceptabil-ity: a tactic illustrated by his selection cinde negotiating a reduction in Austria's net contribution, a revision of a Jewish journalist and author, Peof the Common Agricultural Policy ter Sichrovsky, as his party's number two candidate in the European poll. and the creation of what he terms " Europe of the 'fatherlands'".



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# Costs may force Trib to leave France

MARY DEJEVSKY

The International Herald Tribune, which has been based in Paris since it was founded in 1887, is considering the possibility of leaving France on cost grounds, it emerged yesterday. The chief executive, Richard McClean, confirmed that a study had begun and that all opyour would be considered "with

a totally open mind". It was a question of ensuring the "long-term viability" of the paper. "It would be very sad to move from Paris," he said, but "France is a very expensive place to operate." He denied the future of the paper, which is jointly owned by the New York Times and Washington Post, was at risk, stressing that circulation had rise by 1.5 to 2 per cent over the past year and that revenue

completely. Michael Getler who took over as editor of the Herald Tribune this summer, told Agence-France Presse that one or more departments could be moved, while leaving some staff in place. Administration and editing, for instance, could be transferred, while the small number of reporters remained in France.

operations to the US, or to London, would diminish the paper's international "feel" at a time when the US media generally seem to be looking in-

Some staff believe moving

Mr McClean said yesterday, however, that any decision to move the base of operations would have no implications for the naper's editorial outlook. which would remain thoroughly international.

Even the suggestion that an

Under threat: The Trib may leave its birthplace

than ever. The paper would open another one, and possibly two, printing sites in Asia in the

But printing in France was more expensive than at any of the other 11 sites around the world. The paper also has to comply with France's inflexible

> There is speculation also that changes to the paper over the past two years, which include an increase in the number of news pages, may not have brought the envisaged increase in circulation. Despite an expanded distribution network, especially in Asia, the potential for increasing sales elsewhere appears limited in Europe there is keen competition from the Financial Times and Wall Street Journal, and higher sales inside the US would risk taking cir-culation from the New York

Times and Washington Post. No decision is expected before the New Year, and any move is unlikely to entail shutting down operations in Paris of a five-year fiscal reform.

respected as the Herald Tribune might consider leaving Paris, or greatly scale down its operations, would have great symbolic significance in France.

It might even bring home to the French authorities - as the number of companies starting to relocate, including to Britain, appears not to have done - that the exceptionally high charges levied on employers in France are among the reasons why the unemployment rate - at 12.6 per the industrial world.

France will be without many television news programmes today and tomorrow as journalists strike in protest against that they have enjoyed for more than 60 years.

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### Don't hide reality of war, says Tusa

television-viewers, the broadcaster John Tusa said last night at the second Rory Peck Award. for freelance cameramen.

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"We must avoid a pornography of violence, where networks start to compete with one another in the amount of gore that they show," said Mr Tusa. a former head of the BBC World Service:

"But where some viewers ed to assess with is happening, an war.

War's "ghastly reality" must I believe the only answer to not be hidden from British complainants is to say. T'm complainants is to say: 'I'm sorry, we will not censor the ghastly reality, for that is the only way that you, the voters, the citizens, can be properly in-

> essential component of TV en-tertainment and our restraint and constraints in presenting the violence of the world around

> Mr Ilusa said television need-ed a regular programme in which a journalist who had followed a crisis or war should be allowed to present an in-depth

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# Costa del Sol's image is tarnished by lead

Madrid

Spain's Costa del Sol, that giamorous haven for criminals on the run, has shown its darker side, with four underworld shoot-outs in just over a month. Following the assas-sination last weekend of a French couple by hooded gummen, the Costa del Crime is being dubbed the Costa del Plomo (Lead), and glitzy Marbella, the Miami of Europe.

Madrid authorities sprang into action to combat what they believe is a network of international crime and violence linked to money-laundering, drug-trafficking and clan warfare, reminiscent of the era of

The Interior Minister, Jaime Mayor Oreja, last week set up a string of anti-mafia police action squads along the coast from Estepona to Almeria, centred on a 20-strong élite unit based in Marbella.

organisations have been quietly decamping from traditional haunts in Marseilles and Palermo to instal themselves in Marbella, alongside Middle Eastern and Russian multi-millionaires whose flamboyantly extravagant fortunes have cascaded into the town.

We want to control the arrival of these criminal gangs in the Costa del Sol, watch their operations and detain them. We have launched a preventive and surgical campaign. But we cannot create a police state," Jorge Cabezas, the regional governor of the provincial capital, Malaga, said this week.

Police complain that the con-test is as unequal as that be-tween David and Goliath. They say they are hopelessly out-smarted by 200 criminal gangs with bottomless purses, yachts and powerful vehicles, while their investigations are stymied by something as mundane as the lack of a translator.

they are saying?" railed an exasperated policeman last week. He was referring to two Bulgarrans arrested in connection with the death last month of Francisco Javier Bocanegra, a

well-known Marbella lawyer. He was found in his himny Marbella home with his hands and feet tied and his face beaten to a pulp. The two suspects, linked to

a male-prostitution ring, drove away in the victim's car and were seized last Thesday about to board a plane leaving Spain. On 5 October, a French cou-

ple, Jacques René Grangeon and Catherine Castagna, were riddled with 27 machine-gun shots and left lying in their bloodsoaked front room. The couple had rented a £5,000-a-month mansion on Marbella's "Golden Mile" near

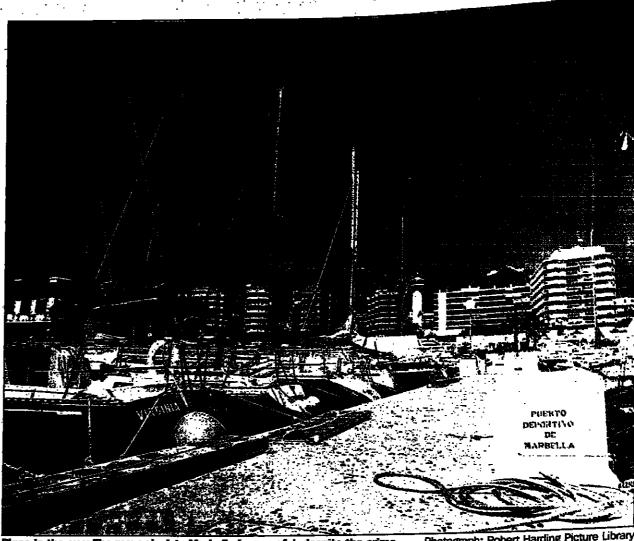
a palace belonging to King Fand of Saudi Arabia. Police suspected Grangeon of cocaine and hashish trafficking What's the use of tapping on a gigantic scale. The mas-Police have long suspected suspects' telephones when we that international criminal can't understand what the fuck middle of the night, was the

work of French hit-men, police reckoned.

A Marbella policeman, Juan Alameda, was shot three days earlier. His suspected killer is a Dutchman known to police as a striptease performer and who is wanted for robbery in The Netherlands.

Marbella, none the less, claims to be one of the safest spots on the coast. The rightwing mayor, Jesus Gil, who has more than doubled police strength during five years in office, has cleared the streets of drug-pushers, pick-pockets and bag-snatchers. He plays down the recent carnage as "isolated incidents that could happen anywhere

Fearful that bullets might scare off the torrent of mone gushing into his town, Mr Gil insists Marbella is a haven of peace and sunshine. But events uggest that the eradication of petty street crime has not prevented high-flying criminal vi-olence from flourishing behind closed security gates and



# No music, but a licence to howl at the moon all night long

On the morning of her pre-nuptial party, Gabriele received presents from people she did not know, and a letter from her next-door neighbonts: "We wish you happiness," they wrote, "but we must warn you. If there is any noise after 10 o'clock, we shall call the police." Signed: "The people from Number 34."

So here we were on her Polierabend, a night of mentiment when the bride and groom are toasted by their friends amid the sound of shattering china, broken symbolically to ward off evil spirits. The custom is as ancient and German as the tradition of denouncing disorderly neighbours to the authorities.

Not wishing to get on the wrong side of the law, Gabriele had gone out of her way to seek licence for her one night of anti-social behaviour. Notices had gone up on the doors of every house in the street, advising residents that there would be a certain amount of noise emanating from Number 36 this Saturday night, on account of her forthcoming wedding.
It is so ordained that the whole of

Beyond 9pm, baths are no longer run. washing machines are turned off and dogs are muzzled

Germany must fall eerily silent by 9pm. Beyond that time, baths are no longer run, toilets go unflushed, washing machines are switched off and dogs muzzled. Even the wildlife in the forests around Bonn seems to respect the Germans' craving for Ruhe, a word whose literal translation - "quiet" - fails to convey the original's hidden menace and urgency. Notifying neighbours several

breach the peace for an extra hour, but a minute after 10 o'clock you are treading a legal minefield. Legend has it there are forms that can be filled out in triplicate at the local police station, which, when correcty stamped and annotated, entitle the bearer to an extension into the early hours. The procedure is designed to keep successful applications to a minimum. Gabriele, with nothing but a PhD by way of an education, was unable to grasp the intricacies, and so her request was refused.

The guests started arriving at eight o'clock, tossing old plates on the pile as they joined the mêlée in the back garden. Each crash was greeted with wild cheers, but the rub-

weeks in advance allows you to ble was immediately swept onto the heap. Even at party time, order must reign. The guests tucked into the Wust sizzling on the grill and helped themselves to the soup bubbling over in a huge cauldron.

As we glanced nervously at the ghostly blue light flickering behind the curtains at Number 34, the conversation inevitably turned to the rigours of German life. Everybody had a hair-raising story to tell about their neighbours. There are so many bylaws regulating our daily existence, that virtually all of us had at one time perpetrated hemous crimes which had somehow found their way to our bulging police files.

our pets to leave dirty paw prints in the entrance hall of our apartment blocks. Those with children belong to the hard-core of offenders, repeatedly

failing to meet the community's norms on two counts. Kids are notoriously filthy and noisy, and they do insist on playing in the streets between 1 and 3pm - hours set aside

I have never been quite sure what Germans do behind their shutters when the lights go out at 9pm, but I suspect many of them are writing petitions about the people next door. Cultivating neighbours offers no immunity against a malevolent pen. A friend who saved a blazing house next door by calling the fire brigade thought he was safe. Imagine his surprise, when a few months Some of our transgressions had been minor ones, such as allowing door. Our hero had been reported later the landlord knocked on the

for not sweeping leaves off his garage roof. The source of information? - his grateful neighbour. None of us had ever dared to hold a real party, and were intrigued to

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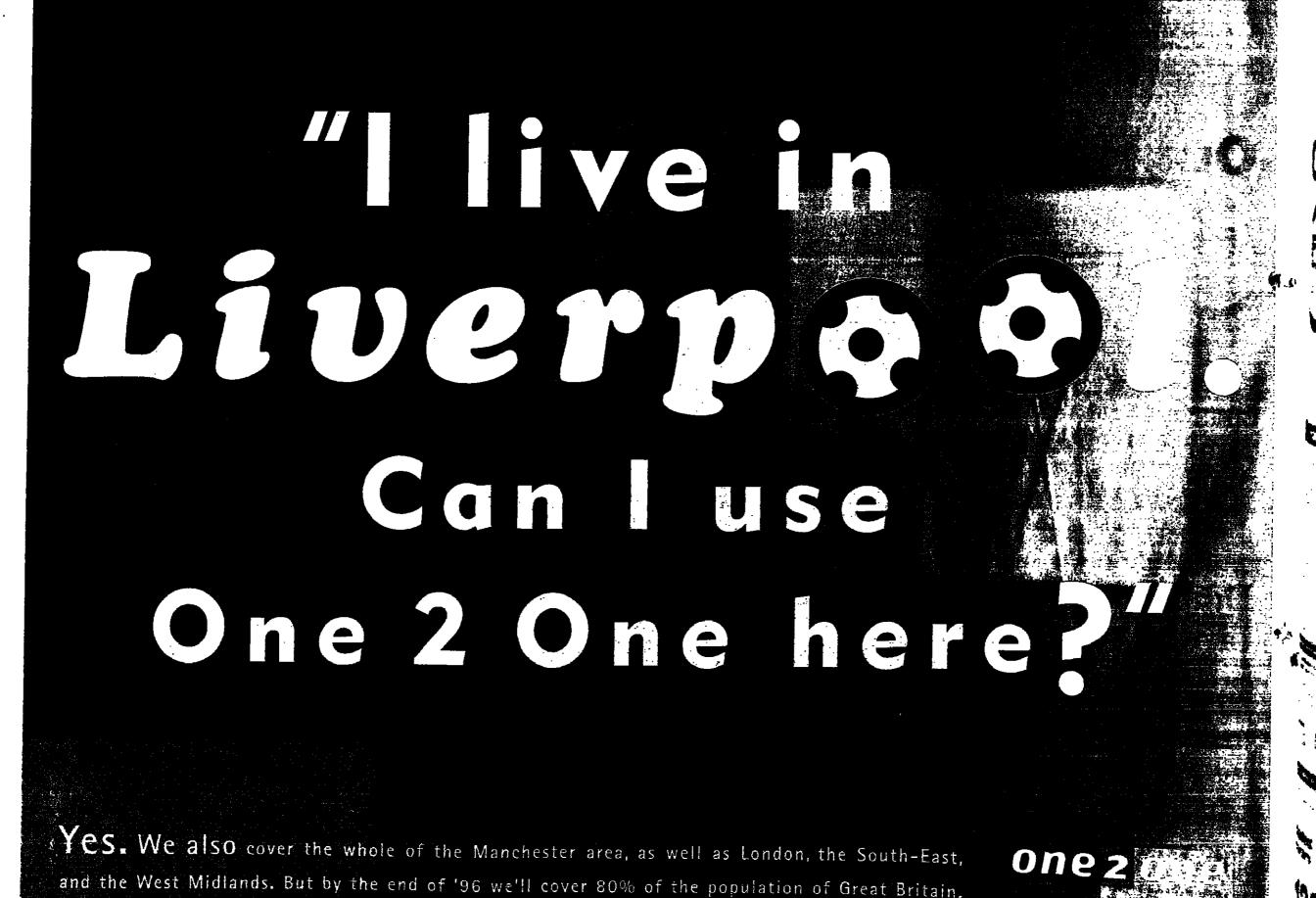
discover whether Gabriele would get away with it. A Scottish folk band. consisting entirely of Rhinelanders. struck up just after 9pm. The beer flowed and the decibels rose, and still there was no sign of the people from

They never came, but shortly

the people to have a one

after 10pm the police arrived. They understood the circumstances were special, but a complaint had been made and rules were rules; the music had to stop, though the party could continue. It was a classic German compromise. The band packed up, the lights at Number 34 dimmed. Luckily, we had a couple of constitutional lawyers in our midst, who had spotted a loophole in the ruling. "No music," the police had said, but

they did not say "no singing". Which is exactly what we did howling heartily like dogs at the full moon. Fortified by the beer, we were invincible, and experienced a catharsis that only those who have lived under communism can appreciate; a sense of liberation stemming the intoxicating knowledge that we had finally beaten the system.



# **Dole plays** ethics card as election bills soar

RUPERT CORNWELL

Far behind in the presidential race. the Republicans are turning their fire on to President Bill Clinton's ethical record - and in particular massive donations to his Democratic Party from a wealthy Indonesian couple - which are fast turning into a metaphor for the bloated, runaway spending of the campaign of 1996.
US elections never come cheap.
But even setting aside the \$425,000 (£270,000) from Arief Wiriadinata and his wife, this year's elections are set to be the most expensive ever. with presidential and congressional races costing anything up to \$2bn.

> Clinton has thrown himself into fundraising by offering \$10,000 a plate birthday dinners and visits to the White House

The reasons for the extravaganza are several. This year features an especially large number of hotly contested Senate races, in which a single candidate must sometimes spend \$10m or more. On the House side, the Republicans are perforce pulling out every stop to retain the majoriby they won in 1994 for the first time n four decades - an offensive which in turn is being countered by an un-precedented \$35m of advertising by the AFL-CIO labour organisation on behalf of Democrats, concentrated on districts housing vulnerable, con-servative Republican newcomers.

All the while, unlimited amounts of "soft" money - in theory, contributions to party organisations as opposed to the candidates themselves - are pouring in, making a mockery of post-Watergate federal regulations signed to limit individual and corporate donations, and introduce a

sytem of partial public financing.
Nor have matters been helped by a Supreme Court ruling in July that allows the parties, under the Constitution's protection of free speech, to set up "independent committees" to raise more money. The sole proviso, impossible to enforce, is that activities financed by these committees should not be "co-ordinated" with the presidential campaign.

As a result, spending will break all records. The presidential race alone will devour at least \$600m, barely a third of that provided from public funds, while the 34 Senate and 435 Congressional races will see spending overall of at least \$1bn. But whatever the perils of an electoral process suborned by money, nobody is great-ly inclined to do anything about a system that invariably works to an incumbent's advantage.

Despite much sermonizing about the need to "clean up the politics," President Clinton has thrown himself into the fundraising business as shamelessly as any of his predeces-sors, offering \$10,000-a-plate birthday dinners and perks like overnight stays at the White House for particularly generous contributors to the Democratic cause.

Even so, he could have done without the Wiriadinata controversy. The couple are associates of James Riady, billionaire head of the Indonesian banking and property conglomeate, the Lippo group, and who got to know Mr Clinton when he lived Little Rock, Arkansas, in the 1980s. Since he took office, the President has had three of what a White House spokesman this week-end called "drop-by" social meetings with Mr Riady in the Oval Office, one within the last mouth.



he will take part in a debate with the Republican candidate Bob Dole

political contributions from foreigners as long as they bave the right of permanent residence in the US. But for the Republicans, adrift by 15 points or more in the presidential race and under increasing threat of losing Congress as well, the admission has been providential.

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were demanding a Congressional probe, complete with yet another independent counsel to investigate the matter, which Mr Dole himself may well raise in tomorrow's final presidential debate in San Diego. Speaker Newt Gingrich claimed Mr Clinton's Indonesian connection "makes Watergate look tiny".

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misses the charges as a sign of Republican desperation and part of what Vice-President Al Gore on Sunday termed a "relentless, well-financed cottage industry". aimed at discrediting and ousting the Presi-dent. Cottage industry or otherwise, however, it offers Mr Dole his best - and possibly his last - chance Publicly, the Clinton campaign disof victory on 5 November.

# Gun law that heralds voters' shoot-out

TEXAS reports on the mixed TALES messages to those carrying a weapon

sign on the front door of Poor-Boys Restaurant, welcoming anyone toting a concealed weapon in this small town, 100 miles north-west of Austin. The sign is for customers who might eat somewhere else if they had to stash a pistol before they entered. It is in stark contrast to signs seen all over the state denying access to any-one who is "carrying", as it is called.

These mixed messages signal confusion over the state's concealed handgun law, which has been in effect since 1 January. 1996, and which is keeping the emotional shoot-out between gun control and gun rights dvocates in front of voters as the 5 November election nears.

Any resident who has completed a 10-15 hour safety course, passed a background check and paid \$140 can get a licence. As of 5 September, the state had issued 91,999 permits, or about 721 for every 100,000 Texas adults. Thirty other states also have concealed handgun laws.

Far from being the wild and woolly place that myth and movies paint, Texas is, in fact, wimpy when it comes to guns. Yes, I know this is heresy. and it is true that Texas has had a long and good relationship with guns. Some even would argue that guns have made Texas what it is today. Superior weaponry was the key to wresting independence from Mexico, and in pioneer days, guns meant food on the table and the firepower to overcome Indians.

But it is easy to forget that for over a century it was illegal to carry a pistol on your person in Texas. And the present gun laws, including the new concealed handgun law, are infamous for being complicated and confusing. By contrast, in Arizona, residents

openly can carry a pistol on their hip. The new law gives employers and ousinesses the right to decide whether or not to allow concealed guns on their private property: thus the contrasting signs on front doors. In fact, there are so many exceptions to where licence holders can carry a gun - schools, courtrooms, race-

San Saba, Texas — "If you are li-censed to carry concealed, it doesn't bother us, so come on in," says the a bar or other business deriving over half its revenue from alcohol sales - that even its proponents now say

the law is flawed. "It's a step in the right direction. but needs cleaning up," says Suzan-na Gratia Hupp, a Republican running for the state legislature from this district and one of the state's bestknown gun-rights advocates. "It's a

shopping list for a crazy man."

Ms Hupp knows about crazy men.
In 1991, she watched as George Hennard killed 23 people, including her parents, at a cafeteria in Killeen and then killed himself. She said if she had been carrying a gun, she might have stopped the massacre, the worst in American history. She campaigned to get the Texas law passed, and has travelled nationwide to press the same case.

She is also the current manifestation of the frontier lawman myth - that one good person, acting alone, embodying the all-American concepts of courage, independence and freedom, can act against over-whelming odds and cause good to triumph over evil.

Her Democratic opponent is in favour of gun control. But he would really like to dodge the issue altogether. He is concentrating on pocketbook issues to appeal to conservative Texans who have abandoned the Democratic Party in droves in recent years. He knows that gun control is as emotional as abortion rights, and even though polls may show that it ast agree with him. talking about those hot issues will not get him elected.

Opponents of the new "carry" law said passage would lead to increased violence. In June, two fatal shootings and 13 incidents have involved license holders, but it is too early to draw conclusions. Gun rights advocates are looking to the state legislature, which meets again in January 1997, to deal with the confusion over signs and to trim the list of offlimits places. Gun control advocates want more extensive training.

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# Turks threaten to block Nato's eastern push

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Antalya

Turkey could veto Nato expansion if its long-standing ambi-tion to join the Western European Union, the alliance's European arm, is denied, according to speakers at a con-ference last weekend.

Turkey sees membership of the WEU as a stepping stone to membership of the EU, and is irritated at the haste with which Nato is preparing to admit favoured East European countries while ignoring its sensitivities.

Although Ankara has expressed its concern through diplomatic channels, last weekend marked a significant heightening of public anger at what is seen as Turkey's unjust exclusion from the European top table.

The Antalya conference on security and co-operation - an annual international meeting organised by the Atlantic Council of Turkey - was addressing the expansion of European security institutions in the light of imminent Nato expansion.

Turkey's Deputy Prime Min-ister, Tansu Ciller, cabled the con-ference saying: "Enlargement processes of Nato, the EU and WEU should evolve in a parallel manner ... it is not realistic or justifiable that Turkey, an ally of the West for 44 years, is denied the European perspective while at the same time we are expected to enter into additional al-liance commitments when Nato's

enlargement is concluded. Our allies should understand that lack of responsiveness in this connection can lead to a backlash in Turkish public opinion and the parliament,



which may prove difficult to contain." The decision to admit new members must be ratified by the parliaments of all 16 current Nato members. The last sentence of the Ciller telegram

ests the Turks might refuse The first new states, possibly Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, may be invited to join in Spring next year and could be admitted to Nato on its 50th anniversary in April 1999.

Bayan Mustafa Kalemli, the President of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey said: "Are we going to be a prim and proper little boy waiting in the queue while the spoilt brats of Europe get what they don't really deserve?"

To applause, he continued: "We need Europe but Europe also needs us and we are not accustomed to being told things like that. We are a proud nation. Please do not try Turkey's pa-tience. That will be detrimental to all.

What angers the Turks par-ticularly is the prospect that the new entrants to Nato may gain EU membership in 2002, thus possibly leaping into the EU ahead of Turkey which has

been a loyal ally of the West for

so long.

Speakers at the conference stressed that full WEU membership was confined to EU member states and that the Nato military guarantee to Turkey was not affected. How-ever, Mr Kalemii said: "So long as Turkey is not a full member of WEU, the Turkish parliament will not allow it to participate in WEU manoeuvres."

The WEU is developing a role in peace-keeping and disaster re-lief but is incapable of guaranteeing security in the event of war, which only Nato can do. "As the secular country that Ataturk founded we are in Europe. We cannot accept double standards any more," Mr Kalemli said.



ister Necmettin Erbakan and his son (left) salute their Welfare Party conference in Ankara on Sunday Photograph

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### Dissident's mother to speak at trial

The mother of Wang Dan, the detained Chinese dissiwith plotting to overthrow the government, yesterday said she would be part of his defence team at his forthcoming trial.

Taking a robust stance against the shortcomings of the Chinese judicial system, 61-year-old Wang Lingyun said she would would defend her son against an ancillary charge of collaborating with overseas subversive forces. Mr Wang, 26, will also be defended by a lawyer. There seems little chance of Mr Wang being found not guilty. "I'm not optimistic," Mrs Wang said. "But I must say it for the record. This will become history." Teresa Poole - Peking

### Dismissal for abuse magistrate

The Belgian Supreme Court dismissed the acclaimed chief investigator of a murderous child poru ring, disregarding widespread pleas to keep the magistrate on the case. The ruling was certain to raise a storm of protest after the justice system had been criticised for mishandling several key cases before investigating judge Jean-Marc Connerotte restored some credibility.

Mr Connerotte became a national hero in August after AP - Luxembourg saving two children from the secret dungeon of a convicted child rapist, an inquiry that led to the bodies of four young kidnapped girls and a network of child porn.

### Lebed backs Yeltsin guard Alexander Lebed, Russia's

national security adviser, declared his support for Boris Yeltsin's former chief bodyguard, Alexander Korzhakov, who is running for his old seat in parliament.

It appears Mr Lebed, who is trying to consolidate his power base in readiness for the next presidential race, sees Mr Korzhakov as a source of funds. He may also value the latter's collection of allegedly compromising material about top Kremlin figures and potential rivals. Phil Reeves - Moscow

### Spies told to get on the trail of better value

Britain's intelligence services, under pressure to conscious post-Cold War era, should hire outside consultants and spy more on economic targets, intelligence observers said yesterday.

But Britain could not retain its high diplomatic profile if it stopped spying operations and relied instead on commercially gathered and publicly available information.

"Real comparative advantage remains with those nations whose knowledge base outstrips that of the compe-tition," Professor Peter Hennessy told the Royal Institute of International Affairs, on the day the Act allowing MI5 to fight

organised crime took effect. Peter Hennessy, page 19

### Cut delays EU travel projects

European Union finance ministers rejected a bid to secure £900m in extra funding for a series of trans-European road, rail and airport

projects.
EU officials said the decision might delay work on "trans-European networks" but that all would be completed. They include highspeed railways, among them a link between London and Amsterdam.

### Cosmic comman down to earth

A Taiwanese cult leader who claimed divine powers has admitted he does not have them. Sung Chi-li, who had maintained he was the reincarnation of a "cosmic body" conned up to £75m in cash and gifts out of followers. He confessed after being arrested and failing to demonstrate supernatural powers.

"Please don't believe in me any more," a tearful Sung told followers after more than nine hours of interrogation. Police said he had confessed to taking land, cars, and cash from thousands of believers who worshipped him like a god. The Sung Chi-li Transmogri-fication Society's main shrine was demolished on the grounds that it was built illegally. Reuter – Taipei



# Army of god runs into the Afghan sands



The Taliban religious militia, the conquerors of Kabul, are facing the same miseries that confronted the Soviet army in its doomed war in Afghanistan.

Even with an armada of helicopter gunships and MiG fighter planes, the Soviet army failed to prise the rebels of Ahmed Shah Massoud out of the Panjshir valley, a long, deep vein running through the Hin-

du Kush range. Now Mr Massoud's forces are back again in the Panjshir, fighting the Taliban who two eeks ago chased them out of

It could not be much be worse for the Taliban. Apart from a few helicopters and aged fighter aircraft (flown by ex-Communist pilots who do it for money, not from Islamic back on aerial support.

Their warriors are expected to climb mountains wearing lastic sandals and wrapped in blankets against the icy

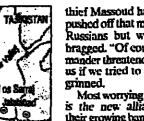
the fair-haired Soviet conscripts from Ukraine.

Using the same hit-and-run tactics perfected against the Soviet army, Mr Massoud and his men have dealt the Taliban their worst reverses since the militia began their victorious sweep across most of Afghanistan almost two years ago.

Stealing down out of the mountains, Mr Massoud's men have succeeded in encircling Jabal os-Siraj and Charikar, two key towns on the Salang highway, which connects Kabul to Central Asia. The Taliban "information minister" in Kabul, Amed Khan Muttagi, conceded yesterday that the militiamen had made a "tactical withdrawal" from these two beeed towns.

At the same time. Mr Massoud's men have struck even closer to Kabul. For several nights running, forces to loyal to Mr Massoud and the ousted President, Burhanuddin Rabbani, have attacked Baghram airbase, only 30 miles from the

The Taliban fighters are de-



vout and illiterate: one shaggy gunman defending Baghram pointed at me and asked my translator if it was true that killing a non-Muslim would guarantee a place in Paradise. My guide convinced him that to shoot me would not incur divine

AFGHANISTAN

The militiamen believe the Prophet Muhammad revealed himself to the Taliban's 35year-old leader, Mullah Monammed Omar, in a dream and ordered him to purify Afghanistan of thieves. They believe angels ride into battle with them, shimmering above their armoured vehicles. The Taliban are unaccustomed to losing, and the hundreds of casualties Mr Massoud inflicted on them in the past few days has

sapped their morale. At Charikar, when rockets fell recently, several Taliban gathered on the roadside, trying to flee in any passing vehi-cle. A Taliban jeep, practically empty, roared past them, but the driver was too worried about his own life to stop. Their willingness to become battlefield martyrs is also open to doubt. One Taliban fighter, Abdul Hamid, 24, explained how they succeeded in capturing a ridge at the Panjshir's entrance. "The

pushed off that mountain by the Russians but we did it," he bragged. "Of course, our commander threatened that he'd kill us if we tried to run away," he

Most worrying for the Talihan is the new alliance between their growing band of ethnic en-emics. The Talihan draw their lighters from the Pathan tribes of the south. The alliance unites Tajiks, under Mr Massoud, the Uzbeks of General Abdul Rashid Dostum and Hazara Shias from central Afghanistan. Gen Dostum, an old foe of Mr Massoud, has yet to hurl his air force and tanks into the fray but

he may do so. Gen Dostum is a former Communist who switches sides when it suits. But he is probably being persuaded by Iran and the Central Asian republics to swalkw his rancour against Mr Massaud. The Taliban yesterday warned Iran not to interfere in its war against the ousted

Even though Mr Massoud's Tajik forces are skirmishing with the Taliban only six miles from the northern gates of Kabul, he may not gamble on a direct attack immediately. Most likely, say observers, he will first capture Sarobi, to the east, blocking Kabul's supply line to Pakistan. Then he might to overrun Baghram, so that his forces and Gen Dostum's can use it as a launching pad to besiege Kabul.

The Tabban scored mun victories by outmanoeuvring their enemy, using fast vehicles armed with rocket-launchers.

This worked well as long as they were attacking but now they are stuck defending Kahul, the Taliban may have no choice but to sit and wait for Mr

# Kurdish 'victors' go into retreat

The KDP has had a nasty surprise, and the war continues, writes Patrick Cockburn

It was a 155mm artillery piece with a 24ft barrel which troops from the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan had abandoned when it burst a tyre in their headlong flight in early September.

They were in such a hurry they left it when it got a flat," said Mohammed Salah, a villager in Timar in northern Sulaymaniyah province who had seen them go. "They had two big guns of the same size and two Katyushas [rockets] in the same convoy." Further up the track which serves as a village street for Timar, a huddle of earth-roofed houses, the PUK had discarded some 155mm

shells which lay in the grass. For two weeks nobody had come to pick up the gun or the ammunition. Their fate explains much about the sudden reversals of fortunes in the Kurdish civil war. Even at the height of its victory the Kurdistan Democratic Party, suddenly evicted from Sulavmaniyah province at the weekend, had hesitated to send men to seize a valuable piece of artillery in the mountains which it claimed to have conquered.

Larger armies than the rag-tag militias fielded by the KDP of Massoud Barzani and the PUK of Jalal al-Talabani have been swallowed up in the Kur-dish mountains. Saddam Hussein only contained them in the three years before the Gulf war with poison gas and an ex-termination campaign in which 182,000 Kurds disappeared. It is not surprising Mr Barzani's control is more tenuous.

By yesterday he had lost most of Sulaymaniyah province, which he captured only last month after calling in Iraqi tanks to help him take Arbil, the Kurdish capital. UN officials confirmed Mr Talabani's men had recaptured Khoi Sanjaq, the tumbledown town at the foot of the mountains which was the PUK leader's birth-place and which is 90 minutes' drive from Arbil.

Mr Talabani, in an interview with the Arabic daily al-Hayat, said: "We have no plans at pre sent to retake Arbil because it is surrounded by Iraqi tanks, but we'll leave that to the people of Arbil." The KDP insists Iranian forces are actively involved. It said it repulsed one assault in which "the attackers lost dozens of men and members of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards were

identified among the dead". All this is a nasty surprise for the KDP which believed it had conclusively won the civil war that has gone on since 1994. Mr

Barzani said he thought Mr Talabani and the PUK were finished unless they got support have happened. Whatever happens in the present fighting the civil war will go on. The KDP may be forced once again to look to Baghdad for military aid. The 3.5 million Kurds of northern Iraq will be more dependent than ever on neighbouring powers.

Villagers in the mountains in northern Sulaymaniyah province will not be surprised at the reversal of fortunes. Abdullah Hussein, a shepherd in the Shiwakal valley, said: "The PUK still have a lot of men. Do you think they will do nothing? The problem for the KDP was spelled out by Jamal Mo-



Counting the cost: Massoud

hammed, the PUK military commander for northern Sulaymaniyah, in his headquarters in a village on the Iraqi side of the Iranian border. He said his men had just beaten off an attack by KDP "using heavy machine guns and Katyushas". Did he expect another attack? "Not for now," he said. "The KDP does not have enough troops and has to move them to wherever there is trouble. They

Jamal Mohammed said he intended to attack when his men had regrouped and this has now happened. The KDP did not have enough men to hold on to their territorial gains. They may also have been intimidated by han's long-range artillery. The KDP leaders, buoyed up by their sudden victory last month, may not have realised the support in Sulaymaniyah city for the PUK. They may have underestimated the anger and fear felt by ordinary Kurds because of the KDP's brief alliance with Saddam.

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# Masaki Kobayashi

For serious devotees of international cinema of high artistic quality, Paris is the centre of the world. At the moment, both Akira Kurosawa and Kenji Mizoguchi are having big retrospectives that are still drawing crowds long after they began before the summer. There are regular showings of all other important Japanese cinéastes and even of some younger and less well known talents. But there has been one absentee, Masaki Kobayashi.

The reasons for this shameful neglect are not hard to find. Kobayashi in his greatest periods in the Forties and Fifties. now seen as the Golden Age of lananese cinematic art, was a perfectionist who made no compromises. He chose difficult themes that the post-war public, eager to forget the horrors of invasion and occupation, found too disturbing. He was a man with a message of pacifist humanitarian convictions, and today's Japanese, especially the young, avoid like the plague what has come to be known as "the three Ds" - Dirty, Dangerous and Difficult. Kobayashi's extremely personal diom, his anti-violence ethos, his deliberately paced, often very long films, are at the opposite pole to the special effects catastrophes in deafening Dolbey Stereo that are today's imbecile film fare.

Kobayashi was born in the charming old port city of Otaru in the northernmost island of the archipelago. He studied ancient Oriental arts and philosophy and after graduation in 1941 entered the Shochiku studios at Ofuna as an apprentice director. But almost at once he was enlisted in the army and sent to Manchuria with the forces of occupation in Harbin. He had already demonstrated insubordination and opposi- Kobayashi's.

tion to the war by refusing pro-motion to a higher rank. He was captured and spent the last part of the war in a PoW camp on Okinawa, then not part of

With his release in 1946, he was allowed to start work again at Shochiku, as assistant to a very great old director. Keisuke Kinoshita, a severe and rigorous master. He started individual directing in 1952 with Musuko no seishun ("My Son's Youth") and in 1953 he both made another social melodrama in typical Shochiku style, Magokoro ("Sincere Hearts") and directed his first really personal film, Kabe atsuki heya ("Thick-walled Rooms"), with a scenario adapted by the novelist Kobo Abe from the secret notebooks of authentic war criminals, the sort of theme that Kobayashi was to return to often. However, the distribution of

this landmark film was held up for four years by Shochiku bureaucrats who were afraid of offending the American occupation authorities under MacArthur. It did not appear until 1957. The event was characteristic of many of the artistic frustrations the director was to encounter in later life.

He tried his hand, not very successfully, at psychological melodrama in the highly emotional Kono hiroi sora no doro-ka ni ("Somewhere beneath the Vast Heavens") in 1954, and Urawashiki saigetsu ("Days of Splendour") in 1955. He was more at home with two films of social criticism marked by refreshing realism and a human-ist tendency similar to that of Kurosawa's: Anata Kaimasu ("I'll Buy You") in 1956, and Koroi kawa ("Black River") in 1957. This starred one of Kurosawa's favourite actors. Tatsuva Nakadai, soon to become

These more thoughtful, slow But however hard he tried to and elegant creations led to the stylise the costumes, the one gigantic trilogy Ningen no joken ("The Human Condition"), great defect of contemporary historical movies becomes apwhich was three years in the making, from 1959 to 1961. parent: modern bodies and faces are not those of the 16th The first section was awarded century, and cannot be disthe San Giorgio prize at the Venice Film Festival in 1960. At guised. None the less, it is a magnificent work of art, and nearly 10 hours' running time, this monumental work is the won the Special Jury Prize at Cannes in 1963. longest fiction film ever made. It was followed in 1964 by a Kobayashi portrays himself in

tacking the myths of bushido, the feudal moral code of the

samurai in 16th-century Japan. Kobayashi commented: "When

I made Seppuku, I decided that

for costume films it was not

necessary to be communually re-

alistic, as in Kurosawa's metic-

ulously researched historical

sagas, so intentionally I tried to

stylise it as much as possible."
The film is a mixture of styles

indeed, between expressionist symbolism and harsh realism,

with balletic sword fights, epic duels in the sun with figures in

black kimono against stark

white sand or slashing almost

comically at each other among

long autumn grasses, always wonderfully poetic in imagery

music of the late Toru Takemit-

film based on a quartet of Lafthe idealist Kaji (played by Nakadai), who embraces pacicadio Hearn's mellifluously atmospheric weird tales from his fist-humanist concepts derived book Kwaidan, which Kobayas much from Kobayashi's own ashi, using colour for the first wartime trials as from the origtime, turned into a ravishingly inal novel by Junpei Gomikawa beautiful spectacle whose After a transitional work, sumptuous settings and cos-tumes were treated in an almost Karami-ai ("Bitter Love"), in 1962, he made what perhaps redetached, abstract way that put mains his best-known mastermany people off, despite the guiding sounds of Takemitsu's piece, and the finest Japanese film of the Sixties, Seppular (1963), a title word of very ovely score. It won the Special Jury Prize at Cannes in 1965. grave resonance, for it is the The detached tone of critican of ceremonious formal word used rigid samurai ethics returns in Joi-uchi ("Rebellion") in 1967, instead of the more popular and casual hara kiri - which is how when it won the Prix Fipresci at Venice and starred Tashiro Miwas released in the West. It is a deeply serious film at-

fune alongside Nakadai. In 1968, Kobyashi adapted one of the late Shusaku Endo's most tedious novels, Nippon no seishun ("The Youth of Japan"), on the conflict of generations during the Vietnam War, and predictably it turned out to be a dull movie. Perhaps the di-rector was already feeling depressed by the changes oc-curring in the Japanese film world. The economic boom started a rapid decline in cultural values, and there seemed to be no place any more for classic cinema. So Kurosawa, Kinoshita, Ichikawa and Kobayashi started their own production company, Yonki no kai ("The Four Horsemen Club"), which allowed them to make deand sound and the abstract cent but quite unremarkable films, hardly viable commersu used to hallucinating efect. cially in the new climate over-

The revelation of historical facts: a still from Kobayashi'e Hara Kirl (1963), starring Tatsuya Nakadal (left)

run by New Wave directors try-ing hard to catch up with the French, and making films that

appealed to young people.

Kobayashi detested television, but was reduced to making a series in 1970, stipulating that he could use material from the rushes to make his own film, Kaseki ("Fossils"). He refused even to look at the television version. He also made a cheap love story in Iran, where he had been hoping to film Yashushi In-oue's novel about Buddhist China, Tun Huang - one of Kobayashi's grand projects which were never allowed to

Iran venture, Moyuru Aki ("Blazing Autumn") was a flop in 1978. `

This great director's humiliation was complete. But he struggled on, and in 1983 he managed to make a long and impressive documentary on the Tokyo War Crimes trials, Tokyo Saiban. I remember sitting through this masterpiece in a cinema stunned into awestruck silence by this revelation of historical facts the viewers had tried to forget. It was followed in 1985 by what was virtually Kobayashi's last work, the disappointing Shokutaku no nai ie ("The Empty Table").

More than any other contemporary Japanese film-maker, Kobayashi's art was underpinned by the trauma of his wartime experiences. With the 50th anniversary of surrender in 1995, there were a number of documentaries about it and the events leading up to it, chief among them an adaptation of Shohei Ooka's Reite Senki ("Account of the War on Leyte"), written between 1967 and 1969.
I was expecting Kobayashi to be represented. But, as so often it may not, alas. happened, he was overlooked.

La Rochelle Film Festival in 1989, and a more complete one in Paris in 1990, But in Britain, for purely commercial reasons, the last episode of Kwaidan was brutally cut. Humiliation and mutilation are the lifeblood of the artist. Masaki Kohayashi was one of the greatest, and suffered in silence. His death may have the effect of bringing some retrospectives. On the other hand,

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Masaki Kobayashi, film director: born Otaru, Hokkaido 14 February 1916; died Tokyo 4 Octo-



to run: Parker with the Queen on her visit to the Glenrothes Colliery, 1956

# Ronald Parker

In the 1950s and 1960s Ronald Parker was one of the few men in positions of great power in the then recently-nationalised industries who had a personal, passionate support for the success of public ownership. Maybe that was why he presided over a catacl<del>ysm</del>ic change in the Scottish coalfield without significant disruption, let alone prolonged strife. In 1954, when Parker became

Chairman of the Scottish Coal miners in the coal industry in Scotland. In 1968, when he left to become Chairman of the Scottish Gas Board, there were under 50,000. And the trade union leaders with whom he had to negotiate were no push-over.

On the contrary, his first sparring partner as President of the Scottish miners was Abe Moffat. Later, as President of the Scottish pensioners, Moffat was the only man I heard vanquish in argument to the point of silence the late Dick Crossman, when he was Secretary of State for the Social Services.

Abe Moffat's successor and brother, Alec Moffat, was according to Eric Clarke (MP for Midlothian, and himself a former Secretary of the Scottish miners) about the most ferociously able negotiator he had ever seen in action. The last President of the Scottish miners with whom Parker dealt was Michael McGahey, a living legend in his own lifetime, who took up the post on Alec Mof-fat's untimely death in 1968.

McGahey spoke kindly and generously about Parker. "Ronnie was an accountant. We in the National Union of Mineworkers might have pre-ferred an old coal company reactionary, like Libby Milligan, of the Fife Coal Company. But Parker, we soon felt, did believe in public ownership and was very sociable, coming to all functions such as those for disabled and retired miners."

McGahey recalled his first "Michael, what we need is 'cross-fertilisation' in the nationalised industries". In the deep bass gutteral tones of Mc-Gahey's mimickry, "cross-fer-tilisation" encapsulates Parker's goodwill to co-operate with those who did the work at the coal-face.

McGahey, himself famous as a raconteur, paid tribute to Parker's own sense of humour. "Ronnie, we assume that we have a first-class advocate to keep Bow Hill [the huge, but geologically-flawed Fife Colliery investment] open?" "Yes, Michael, an advocate at a suitably high price."

Knowing when to banter and when to indulge in straight-talking was one of Parker's strengths. Dealing with the NUM in their heyday was both an art and a discipline in itself. Parker never lost sight of the fact that he had a business to run, and no one thought that he gave in against his better judge-ment to any of the blandishments or public oratory of the

Parker's father was an "Accountant of Court" in Edinburgh, a man who plied to and fro between the Court of Session and Register House, one of those post-Dickensian functionaries not far removed from the pages of Dombey & Son, who gave legal Edinburgh its reputation for fastidious probity. . After a rigorous education at the Royal High School, whose London office of Thompson McLintock. Here he received a

huge stroke of luck. One of the directors in a bout of irritation exploded, "Parker. there's an impossibly difficult Canadian from Toronto pestering me for this, that and the other. I want him out of my hair. I'm sending you to be his assistant. Go and help me out and stop him yammering." This pestilential Canadian went by the name of Willard Garfield Weston and was to become one of the most thrusting, successful retail entrepreneurs of the 20th century - Chairman of George Weston Holdings, Fortuum & Mason, Associated British Foods, and many other

So in 1935, at the age of 26, Parker became Secretary and soon a director of the Weston Group of Companies. In the next five years, Weston had such confidence in the young Parker that he was made his "Night Warfare Power."

operator in 30 mergers and aquisitions including such celebrated undertakings as Mihandling the cantankerous, impetuous and fiercely-driving Weston; he was also shrewd enough to strike up a superb relationship with Sir Peter MacDonald, Weston's lawyer. Throughout his business life, Greek façades were earmarked Parker was good at identifying for the devolved Scottish As- those who could be useful in any

There were some homages to

him in Europe at the end of the

er. His contemporaries praised 1962, within a week of my being elected West Lothian MP. I asked for a meeting with Parker, having recently been down the soon-to-close Woodend anthracite pit with the pit delegate. Willy Collins, a Communist, and witnessed its impossibly difficult working conditions.

At the meeting, I could not but be impressed by the fact that Parker knew all about Willy Collins, along with the details which necessitated the closure of a high-quality producer. He was the master of any technical brief from mining engineers. His parting remark to me was "Oh yes, when Parliament resumes after the Whit recess and you take your seat, give my regards to Hugh Gaitskell. I used to work with him when he was in the Ministry of Economic Warfare and I was in Fuel and

Any by election winner was taken to Gaitskell's room stands five-minute welcome. So Fried landa Bread. He gained a the opportunity to mention reputation at being adept at Ronny Parker, and Hugh Gaitskell was effusively warm about him. "Ronny is exactly the type of person who should be running the Scottish coal in-dustry. If we form the govern-ment, and Aif (Robers) wants to step down, he is a possible Chairman of the Coal Board." It was not to be.

Parker was apprenticed to Edinburgh chartered accountants and then sent by them to the coalfield, stemming from the his abilities as a "can-do" civil fact that Parker used to ask the servant. Twenty years on, in main Coal Board for all sorts of concessions for the Scottish coal industry. He was enormously keen - at great investment expense, and rightly as it turned out - to develop the Hurst seam and the Longannet pit and power station near the existing Kincarden power stations. Indeed, perhaps Ronald Parker's monument is the Longannet station, commissioned 1963, which looks like continuing production until the year 2020.

Tam Dalyell

Ronald William Parker, civil servant and nationalised industries manager: born Edinburgh 21 August 1909; Chairman, Scottish Coal Board 1955-68; CBE 1959; Chairman, Scottish Gas Board 1968-72. Scottish Gas Board 1972-74; married 1937 Phyllis Mary Sherren (two sons); died Edinburgh 9 October 1996.

### Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

**MARRIAGES** 

KERR-DINEEN/DODD: Mr Peter Kerr-Dineen and Dr Susan Dodd, qui-ctly in London on 15 October. DEATHS

SEDGWICK: Passed away peocefully in hospital on 10 October aged 87 years, Gladys, belowed wife of the late Fred. Dearly loved mother of Anne. Funeral service will take place at Shadwell Methodist Church. Loeds, on Friday 18 October at 1 pm followed by committed. nitial at Lawnswood Crematorium, Leeds at 2pm. Flowers may be sent before 12 noon to Wm Dodgson and Son. Lupton Avenue, Leeds, tele-phone 0113 2498849. SMITE: Patten (Paddy) Bridge. Most belowed bushend of Mender and to

beloved husband of Marion and fa-ther of Patricia, Robert and Patten. He died on 12 October peacefully a home. Funeral at Guildford Creme torium on Friday 18 October at 4pm. The Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hos-pice at Farnham world much welcome

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### Anniversaries

Births: Virgil (Publius Vergilius Maro), Roman poet, 70 BC; Akbar the Great, Mogul Emperor, 1542; Mikhail Yuryevich Lermontov, poet and novelist, 1814; James-Joseph Jacques Tissot, painter and illustra-tor, 1836: Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, philosopher, 1844; Sir Pelham Grenville Wodehouse, novelist, 1881; Charles Percy Snow (Baron Snow), scientist, civil servint and novelist. 1905; Mervyn Le Roy, film director, 1900, Deaths: Mata Hari (Margaretha Geertruida Zelle), executed for esplonage 1917; Pierre Laval,

1945; Hermann Goering, Nazi leader, committed suicide, 1946; Clara Kimball Young, actress, 1960; Cole Albert Porter, composer and Cole Albert Porter, composer and lyricist, 1964. On this day: the new calendar, as promulgated by Pope Gregory XIII, came into force in Italy and Spain, when 5 October became 15 October, 1582; the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park was closed, 1851; Coleans Cartesian and Cartesian Control of the Park was closed, 1851; Coleans Cartesian Car Cologne Cathedral was solemnly opened, 1880; the Comedy Theatre, London, opened, 1881; the first British Motor Show was held, at Timbridge Wells, 1895; in World War I, Bulgaria joined the Central Powers, 1915; the airship Graf Zeppelin com-pleted its first transatlantic flight, 1928; the Paris Peace Conference ended, 1946. Today is the Feast Day of St Euthymius the Younger, St Leonard of Vandoeuvre, St Teresa of Avila and St Thecla of Kitzinger

### Lectures

Victoria and Albert Museum: Textile artist Polly Leonard talks about how the V&A has inspired her work, 2\_30pm\_ National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "Male Nudes (iii) Michaelangelo",

National Portrait Gallery: Tony Rushton, "Private Eye Times; an in-troduction to the exhibition", 1.10pm.

London School of Economies: Pro-

lessor John Rex, "The Problematic

of Multi-Cultural and Multi-National Societies", 5.30pm. Sir Anthony Parsons A memorial service for Sir Anthony Parsons will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on

Monday 21 October at 3.30pm.

### Wills

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Miss Joan Elizabeth Thirkettle, of London NW1, the newsreader, left estate valued at £555,171 net. Sir Peter James Frederick Green, of

Stutton, Ipswich, Chairman of Lloyd's 1980-83, left estate valued at £2,696,975 net. Sir Charles William Oatley, of Cambridge, Professor of Electrical Engineering, Cambridge University, 1960-71, left estate valued at

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# Report of proceedings was fair and accurate

Tsikata v Newspaper Publishing plc; Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Well, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice Thorpe) 36 Sentember 1996

A fair and accurate newspaper report of the proceedings of a public inquiry need not be published as a contemporary report or item of recent news in order to attract the protection of qualified privilege un-der the Defamation Act 1952.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the plaintiff, Kojo Tsikata, against a preliminary ruling by Jonathan Sumption QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge on 28 October 1994, in a libel action against the publishers of the Independent.

The action concerned an article published in the Independent on 18 June 1992, about a forthcoming election to be held in Ghana, which for the preceding 11 years had been governed by the military regime of Flight Lieutenant Rawlings The article contained the following paragraph: in June 1982, three High Court judges were kidnapped and executed at an army shooting range. A special inquiry into the killings recommended the prosecution of 10 people, including Fit Lt Rawlings's close aide, Captain (Retired) Kojo LAW REPORT

Tsikata, who was named as "the mas-

The plaintiff sued for libel. pleaded that the words were published on an occasion of

paper of a "fair and accurate report" of proceedings in public of "a public inquiry" set up "by the government or legislature of any part of Her Majesty's dominions outside the UK" should be privileged unless such publication was made with malice. By section 7(3):

Nothing in this section shall be construed as protecting the publi-cation ... of any matter which is not of public concern and the publication of which is not for the public

The plaintiff argued, interalia, that the paragraph concerned was not a "report" or news item but merely commentary on past events; and it could not be "fair and accurate" if it did not also refer to the fact ommendations without men-

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that the Attorney General, ter mind of the plot. Five people were prosecuted and executed, but not Captain Thirats.

The Attorney General, when making the enquiry report public, had rejected its recport public, had rejected its recommendations in relation to the plaintiff, and to the fact that In its defence, the defendant Amartey Kwei, the alleged coconspirator on whose evidence the plaintiff had been impliqualified privilege.

By section 7(1) of, and paragraph 5 of Part I of the Schedule to, the Defamation Action of Part I of the Schedule to, the Defamation and Parks (Bindman & Parks) for the plaintiff; Sidney Kennidge QC and Andrew tiff, Sidney Kennidge QC and Andrew Caldecott QC (Oswald Hickson

Collier) for the defendant.

Lord Justice Neill said the protection under paragraph 5 of the Schedule to the 1952 Act. which would have covered a report in a newspaper published at the time, did not cease because the report was published nearly ten years later. To be covered by paragraph 5 a report of proceedings did not have to be

a contemporary report or an item of recent news. The more difficult question was whether, in relation to section 7(3), the publishers could claim it was "for the public benefit" to publish a reference to the enquiry's rec-

tioning the Attorney General's comments and Mr Kwei's retraction of his allegations against the plaintiff.

The solution was to be found by considering the basis on which this privilege existed and the surrounding facts. The law provided that in certain circumstances and in relation to certaintypes of subject matter a newspaper was entitled to qualified privilege if it published a fair and accurate report of proceedings in public before a tribunal in a Commonwealth country. The newspaper might not know what happened subsequently nor might it be in a position to assess the quality or effect of any later denials or refutations

Each case must depend on its own fact. But in this case it seemed the prima facie defence was made out and that the conditions of section 7(3) were satisfied

Finally, although the third sentence of the paragraph complained of was not covered by statutory privilege, it was protected by qualified privilege at common law as being part of the matters relating to the proceedings which the public were entitled to know.

Paul Magrath, Barrister

# How will Blair deliver his decent society?

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The Labour leader Tony Blair made a significant speech yesterday, one that map-makers of ate 20th-century Britain ought to mark. It is not just a paragraph in the tale of Labour's bid to return to power; it is also a further turn in his personal evolution. It is remarkable that he goes on revising even the nostrums of new Labour, yesterday making "new" Labour sound a lot like the "old" conservatism. In planting Labour's flag on some strange shores this was a brilliant example of taking the fire to the enemy's camp. Its timing and nuances make of Mr Blair an adept student of Labour's last great - and greatly flawed - master tactician, Harold Wilson.

The speech was directed squarely at its target. Before he made it we could read the contents on the front page of the Daily Mail. The words in that editorial space are like a DHL delivery straight to the heart of conservative England - the kind of people who probably do not care much that the Labour leader was educated at Fettes but do, like Pavlov's dogs, start slavering when the bell is rung for decency, family values, streets safe for children to play in, duty and responsibility. Boy, did Mr Blair ring those bells yesterday. But did he also have to apostrophise Sir David English, former editor of the arch-Tory Mail, as "extremely distin-

guished"? Such obeisance before a newspaper which has since 1924 made the extermination of the Labour Party one of its raisons d'être is an act of historical chutzpah, to say the least. It is also dishonest. The kind of society envisioned by Tony Blair - a "decent" society - would not have house room for the values espoused daily by the Mail, its proprietor or its

That payment of Danegeld aside, the speech represented Tony Blair's personal resolution of a new problem for modern political leaders. The problem is how to address the "moral" agenda - the realm of ought and should - without appearing to be a hypocrite. Since Gladstone denounced the Turk in the era of high liberalism British voters have enterliberaham British voters have entertained a healthy scepticism for politicians claiming God, Right or (in Mrs Thatcher's case) the Spirit of History was on their side. Tony Blair has tried to avoid the holier-than-thou problem by steering clear of sex. What people do in their bedrooms has nothing to do with moreling as the reaction defined. do with morality as he wants to define it. His concern is the rules of right conduct outside the home, in society. This sounds like commendable. Millite liberalism. Politicians should talk about the public space. The trouble is, his own distinction breaks down over the relationship of parents and children. Is it a public matter, and



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what right does he have to announce the secret of good parenting? He runs the risk of hypocrisy, and not just if Euan, Nicky and Kathryn start behav-ing badly (which in Mr Blair's terms would be no one but their parents'

In essence this speech was about new Labour's bid to have capitalism and all its works without its "cultural contradictions". Like most other efforts of the sort, which nowadays come thick and fast from the right as much as the centre left, it strives to produce rules for social life when economic life appears less rule-bounded

than ever. The question is whether governments can impose these rules. But what if the rules have to be reinvented? Does government really know how to make us behave like better civic people? As a blueprint for legislation, this kind of speechifying is, as the Americans say, flaky. Mr Blair would like parents to spend more time with their children. Quite right. Does that mean he is in favour of maximum 48-hour weeks, or new laws to force employers to recognise the domestic circumstances of their staff? "Employers need to think..." he says. But do they need to be coerced?

good domestic work? Mr Blair cites the sociologist-cum-moralist Chelly Halsey, he should read him more closely and see that Professor Halsey sees the salvation of the family in either some reduction in the role of women at work, or reduced family income as one or both parents spend more time at home.

As for Mr Blair's repeated mention of a new "civic society", his backroom boys and girls need to do more homework. For many, the civic society is the voluntary group concerned about preserving the half-timbering in the old village. Presumably Labour's focus groups had difficulties with the older formulation "civil society". Either way, it is unclear whether what he means is a society in which there is more or less government and politics. No mention, for example, of local councils, where Labour is so strong at the moment.

But it is easy to carp at politicians when they venture into the grander reaches of social morality and civic propriety. For all the lack of solutions, Tony Blair seems - not for the first time - to be striving to articulate common concerns, deeply felt at all levels of society. His theme is a social populism based on the politics of St Matthew's gospel. But good conduct we can leave to philosophers and priests. What we expect from polit-

And which parent is going to do the icians is some thoughts about how to create the conditions for their brand of goodness. John Major has marked out his own ground, equating lower taxation and the morality of self-help. Tony Blair may lament the lack of decency in that programme. He has yet to tell us, however, how he would use the power of premiership to encourage the kind of decency that he, in all sincerity, represents.

### The bosses who just can't manage

Managers are overworked. Managers are overstressed. Managers are overpaid. Managers are over the hill. Managers are miserable because of all the people they have to downsize. And now, we learn, man-agers are overloaded with information. From all the stories and surveys we read, it looks like it's a terrible time to be a manager. They are inundated from all directions with spread-sheets and graphs and memos and newsletters - aren't we all?

Well, knowledge is a wonderful thing. But the only thing that matters is having the time and good sense to know what to do with it. Like, manage yourself.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

### 'Handbag vote' can swing **Trust motions**

Sir: I was extremely interested to read the letter from Lesley Webb (7 October) on the motion coming to the AGM of the National Trust requesting more details on how many mandated and unmandated votes are cast in order to arrive at

In 1990 I was the proposer of a successful resolution to ban the hunting of deer with hounds on National Trust property. However, it appeared that the margin of success was relatively small – by approximately 4,500 votes. But shortly after the AGM The Sunday Times published an article indicating that of the total 130,000 votes cast, the then chairman. Dame Jennifer Jenkins, had used approximately 50,000 discretionary proxy votes in an attempt to defeat the motion.

confirmed that without the chairman's "handbag vote". members had voted in a ratio of 5-1 for the anti-deer-hunting resolution. The article also indicated that the chairman had refused to discuss the number of votes involved even with the 49

Lord Oliver said in his report into the constitution of the Trust that a member's knowledge of how votes have been cast "cannot serve any useful statistical purpose that I can envisage". But those of us who succeeded in this resolution found the statistics both revealing and useful, as, I am sure, did those who lost a similar resolution to han foxhunting when they learned that, without the chairman's "handbag vote", members had voted 4-1 in favour of their motion.

It was the Earl of Antrim, when he became chairman of the Trust in

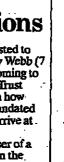
I feel Lord Oliver must have been looking at different statistics from those I examined, which irom mose i examined, which indicate that from the years 1990-1995 inclusively, 41 out of 43 retiring council members seeking re-election were re-appointed. DOREEN CRONIN

### industry borrow

privatisation of air traffic control

previously the reason given has been the difficulty in finding the money to pay for necessary investment. Nevertheless it is time to challenge the restrictive application of Treasury rules whereby borrowing on the open market by the nationalised industries is disallowed.

necessarily take the same narrow view. New Zealand taxpayers, and the users of air traffic services in . that region, have benefited considerably from the fact that their government is not similarly inhibited about the concept of market borrowing by publicly owned corporations.



Senior officials of the Trust members of the Trust's council.

1965, who described it as a selfperpetuating oligarchy. Yet Lord Oliver stated that an examination of election results "over the past few years does not reveal any reluctance to introduce new blood".

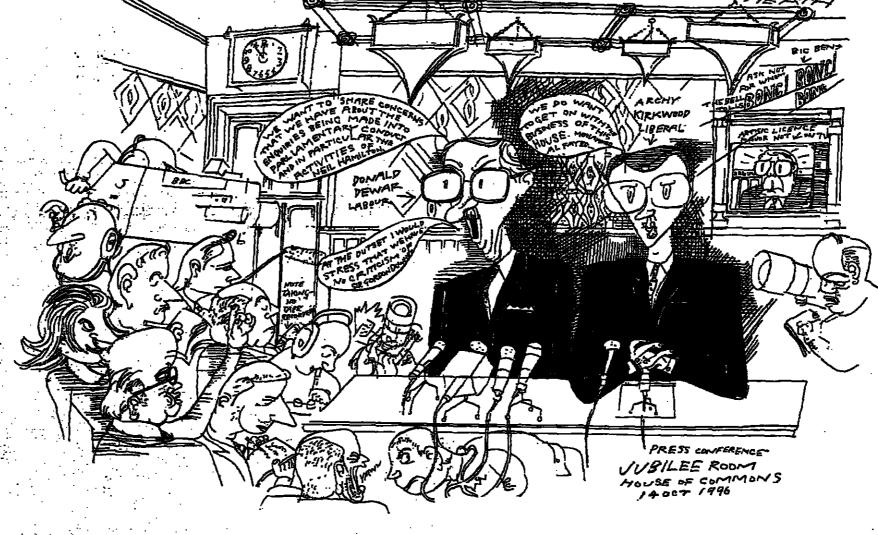
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### Let nationalised

Sir: You report (14 October) that has been put back on the agenda by the Government "as part of the Treasury's attempts to raise finance

to pay for tax cuts". At least that is clear enough -

Other countries do not Perhaps this country should



Michael Heath's Britain: Talking of sleaze

consider the same refreshing approach. The privatisation of a key national asset is not the only available alternative when a government is reluctant to provide essential finance.
PETER WILKINS

### Disabled still lack equality

Sir. In a useful point about not patronising disabled people, Virginia Ironside ("Dilenmas", 10 October) paints a picture of nearequality of access and opportunity and of resolved difficulties for disabled people. This could not be further from the truth.

Scope's own survey Disabled in Scope's own survey Disabled in Britain: A World Apart (1994) shows that disabled people would like to enjoy things that the rest of the populace do, if only the proper provision was available.

Disabled people do not have freedom of access. Contrary to her view, ramps are not available on request and, it may surprise your readers, neither are wheelchairs. Public toilet facilities are still very difficult to find, while obtaining funding for private adapted facilities, an everyday need, is often a long and difficult process.

Our survey shows that more than two-thirds of disabled 18 to 24year-olds have been called names and a majority felt excluded from work and social activities. Clearly most of Ms Ironside's opening paragraph is dangerously misleading. RICHARD BREWSTER Chief Executive, Scope (formerly The Spastics Society)

### Customs work well with NCIS

Sir: The Head of Customs and Excise National Investigation Service (NIS) and I were concerned to read Ian Burrell's

article ("Leak reveals contempt for British 'FBI'", 11 October) Customs officers have not "threatened to mutiny when asked to work alongside the unit" (NCIS). In fact over 40 of our staff are assigned permanently to NCIS offices, where they share and develop intelligence with colleagues drawn from the police

service and from other agencies. Customs is committed to a . multi-agency approach in dealing with serious crime and will continue to support the NCIS in meeting the responsibilities which ministers have assigned to it. RHBROWNE Deputy Chief Investigation Officer HM Customs and Excise NIS

Sir: Your headline is misleading and relates to a pilot survey of the extent of organised crime undertaken by the National Criminal Intelligence Service

London EC3

(NCIS) last year.
Durham University was involved n the survey, which was agreed with the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and HM Customs and Excise. The report by the university contained several anecdotal quotes from some police and customs officers who were not willing contributors to the survey.

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### They questioned its usefulness and relevance, not the performance of NCIS. This is why your report is so

nisleading.
The facts about NCIS are that 44 customs officers work for us alongside police and civilian staff. Posts we advertise attract large numbers of applicants. We receive outstanding support from the police service in general and the Regional Crime Squads in particular. Our work last year was responsible for the arrest of 1,378 criminals of major significance, seizures of drugs worth £294m and the recovery of property worth £18m. Our paedophile intelligence has contributed to the arrest of

more than 100 people.

Anyone who holds that record in contempt is plainly out of touch.

AH PACEY Director General, NCIS London SE11

### Choir is booked

Sir:Lord Horder (letter, 14 October) says that he has learned "indirectly" that Choral Evensong will not precede the unveiling in Westminster Abbey of a memorial to Sir John Betjeman.

One direct phone call would have proved him wrong. At a planning meeting held a month ago with Sir John's daughter, all the details of Choral Evensong with the full choir, followed by the unveiling ceremony, were agreed. Very Rev MICHAEL MAYNE Dean of Westminster Westminster Abbey

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### Latin is dead. long live English

Sir: Latin does not have the practical use in the modern world" suggested by Trevor Cox (letters, 10 October) as a new language for the European Union. The EU realises that the world includes more than the north-west corner of Europe and that to do business with the 1 billion-plus people in India and the countless Chinese we need a modern, fluid and widely spoken language. That language is English, the

most widely spoken second language in the whole world. The British are famously bad at learning foreign languages but they do not care any more. The Internet is predominantly in English, Satellite TV is dominated by Rupert Murdoch, with most content in English. Dutch children learn to speak English as toddlers while watching sub-titled American cartoons.

The movement towards English is inevitable. Whether it is a good thing only time will tell but one thing is certain: Latin is dead and should only be considered for personal entertainment. TERRY ROBINSON London SE11

Sir: Trevor Cox (Letters, 10 May) suggests that Latin may serve as a common language for Europe and Dr Peter Jones claims it helps children with grammar and romance languages. Esperanto is much more useful.

Because of the logic and simplicity of its structure, Esperanto is easier to learn than most natural languages - in particular Latin, which is rather difficult - and it helps children with grammar and also to learn other languages. This is not speculation: it has been tested by experiment. DI MIGUEL NAVARRO. London W6.

### French canal hard to beat

Sir: Christian Wolmar (report, 11 October) says of the proposed waterway linking the North Sea with the Irish Sea that "it might seem like the most ambitious scheme since Moses tried to part

What about the Canal du Midi, engineered by Pierre-Paul Riquet between 1666 and 1681, linking the Atlantic with the Mediterranean? It is still in use, albeit only by very small craft because it is so narrow. ELIZABETH MONKHOUSE London NW71

### Selective choice

Sir. Having read the article about the ANC and the vote on abortion in the South African parliament ANC to whip in abortion changes", 11 October) a question comes to mind: if the ANC is all in favour of choice on abortion, why can it not allow a free vote for its MPs?

GORDON BUCHAN Chairman, Aberdeen Branch, Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

### Why aid agencies fear business

Sir. It's no good David Bryer of Oxfam (Letters, 12 October) attacking William Shawcross's piece ("Never mind Oxfam, DHL can deliver", 10 October) as if Shawcross were proposing that companies take over all aid.

Shawcross simply pointed out that business is already taking a growing proportion of aid resources in disasters, as it has long done in development aid. Aid's key question is where business ends and non-profit

institutions, from government to charities, begin. This must be based on efficiency, added value and comparative advantage, to ensure the best use of aid. Bryer's pained protest indicates

the massive crisis of confidence within agencies, as governments slash billions from global welfare budgets and "privatise" what remains. When companies take over the routine logistics. management and communications of disasters, the agencies must be ready to do well what they do best: ethically based decisions on protection and provision, advocacy and human rights.

At the London launch of this year's World Disasters Report, a soldier turned businessman making money out of (relieving) misery at the sharp end of Bosnia told hostile aid agencies: "If we do poor work. by all means mistrust us; but if we do good work, that's the time to

Aid agencies have found fear, but protesting about the end of aid rather than planning their smaller. sharper role does a disservice to the public which supports them, the staff who may soon face the sack and, of greatest importance, the hungry, sick and dispossessed in the South.

Langport, Somerset

Sir: From 20 years' close involvement with aid charities I have long believed that a double caricature prevails between the private sector and the charity world. The former are apt to ascribe lefty, unreal attitudes to the latter, in return for the tendency in the charity sector to take much of the business world at its word when it asserts that it is and should be bereft of altruism. Both, of course, operate by wonderfully mixed

Having said that, Mr Shawcross does not sufficiently distinguish between delivery of physical aid. especially in emergencies (where most of the leading charities in fact use the private sector), and "in country development. Helping poor people to stand on their own feet long-term requires an acceptance of that help. Such acceptance will not be given to "business" organisations where "business" is perceived by those in need to be part of their problem. Unfortunately, that is the reality in many parts of the world. ANDREW PHILLIPS ondon EC1

### Pause for vitality

Sir: Would not a more balanced picture have been given ("Can HRT stop the clock at menopause?", 7 October) if your sample one pro-HRT interviewee had been balanced by a similarly bouncing-with-vitality woman, who has got through it all without resort to HRT? I feel certain there are some out here somewhere. SARAH NEWBERRY Abbess Roding, Essex

C.C.

hen a far-right political party in central Europe wins 27.6 per cent of the vote in a free and fair nationwide election, it should be clear that the time for complacency has gone, and gone for good. The result achieved by Jörg Haider's Freedom Party in Austria's elections last Sunday for the European Parliament was not so far below the 33.2 per cent scored in November 1932 by Adolf Hitler's Nazis, and that result rapidly led to Hitler's appointment as Chancellor of Germany.

Austria is obviously not facing a threat of the totalitarian kind that was looming in the Weimar Republic in late 1932, but Europeans of all democratic political persuasions would do well not to dismiss Mr Haider's performance as irrelevant. For strident nationalism and right-wing extremism have been making inroads, admittedly much smaller than in Austria, in a number of

European Union countries in recent years. In France, Jean-Marie Le Pen of the National Front took 15 per cent of the popular vote in the first round of last year's presidential election. His party still does not have a scat in the National Assembly, but his can-didates have performed strongly enough in recent by-elections to force his democratic opponents of right and left to form a common electoral front to deny him victory.

There have been similar encouraging signs for anti-establishment, anti-immigrant, nationalist parties such as Gianfranco Fini's National Alliance in Italy and the Vlaams Blok in Belgium. Some British Conservatives, while not considering themselves to be in any sense on the extreme right, nevertheless believe the best chance of winning the next election lies in playing the nationalist, anti-European and anti-immigrant cards.

Mr Haider spotted the vote-winning potential of these issues long ago. His opposition to Austria's entry into the EU in January 1995 has blended neatly with his anti-immigrant rhetoric to produce a demagogic message so powerful that it is believed the Freedom Party took 50 per cent of the blue-collar Austrian vote last Sunday.

It should quickly be said that, in terms of political ideas and style, Hitler and Mr Haider are leagues apart. For his part, the Freedom Party leader rejects all comparisons with Hitler as malicious nonsense, although he cannot deny that he

praised the Nazi employment policies of the Thirties.

Mr Haider enjoys the distinction of being Europe's most prominent and successful

fur-right politician, one whose party stands

a real chance of gaining a share of national

power after Austria's next general elections

scheduled for 1999. Ten years after he took

over the Freedom Party and wrenched it from

the liberal centre to the extreme right, the

party is running neck and neck with Austria's two main political parties, the Social Democ-

rats of Chancellor Franz Vranitzky and the

in Vienna, one of the world's great social-

ist strongholds of this century. Last week-

Mr Haider has even upset the apple cart

end he shattered the Social Democrats' 51- ted against the Jews.

Austria has been accused of failing to confront its Nazi past, but can this really explain why Jörg Haider's Freedom Party did so well in Sunday's elections? **Tony Barber** surveys the

year unchallenged grip on power in the Austrian capital, where his party took 28 per cent of the vote in regional elections.

It is sometimes said that the far right

fortunes of

Europe's far-

right parties

would not achieved such success over the past 10 years if Austria had made a better job in the post-war years of confronting its Nazi past. Certainly, for most of the post-1945 era, Austrians found it all too convenient to cling to the Allied powers' wartime statement that Austria had become the "first victim" of Nazi aggression when Hitler incorporated it into the Third Reich in 1938.

Unlike Germans, who underwent a tremendous soul-searching about the Nazi period from the late Fifties onwards, Aushad to resign as chief minister of the trians for the most part shied away from province of Carinthia in 1991 after he painful national self-analysis until quite

Waldheim, a former German army intelli-

gence officer who covered up his war record

Mr Haider is not simply a matter of history

being swept into the national unconscious after 1945 and now bursting out in a putrid

flood. Mr Vranitzky, the Chancellor since

Yet the rise of the Austrian far right under

in the Balkans.

seem that the world is turning upside down, that Austria is about to drown in a sea of cheap labour, unrestricted travel and criminal activity from the poorer, "less civilised" parts of Europe.

Mr Haider's success stems from weaving together the economic fears and national-

Teresa Gorman, the anti-European Tory MP for Billericay, would find easy to understand. It is tempting to interpret the rise of Mr Haider's Freedom Party as evidence that

taxes in order to meet the Maastricht criteria for monetary union, and this at a time when 18 million people are unemployed in the 15

Austria's war record is so fully out in the open these days that even Mr Haider takes care to distinguish his politics from those of the Nazis. "There is not a single parliamentary deputy of the Freedom Party who would identify with the barbardies of the Nazi pariod. We clearly distance currents. in government.
Yet when painting a bread-brush picture of Europe, it is vital to be in hational distinctions in mind. In certain, for example, the centre-right government's austerity mea-Nazi period ... We clearly distance ourselves from every system which, like that of the National Socialists, disregards human rights," he said in a parliamentary debate sures have certainly led to protests, but these have come from the opposition Social Democrats and the trades unions rather than from the barely noticeable far right. last January.

The Austrian far right's strength probably has less to do with history than with

Moreover, when the Social Democrats tried to win three Land elections last March on a platform of delaying monetary union, present-day conditions; in particular, the dramatic changes forced on Austria by the they suffered convincing defeats. In the country that lies at the heart of the European project, there is little sign that either the far right or the mainstream opposition will pick up public support by proclaiming extremist, anti-European slogans.

democracy. But the eastern European revolutions of 1989 and the Soviet Union's collapse in 1991 dispensed with the need for consensus politics in Austria and opened the door for the country to apply for EU membership. These factors quickly injected new and sharp controversies into Austrian politics.

end of the Cold War and the country's

admission to the EU. During the Cold War, international neutrality and internal political calm were essential conditions for Austria to rebuild itself as a prosperous, placid

The Social Democrat-People's Party coalition government fell apart last year over budget cuts needed to help Austria qualify for European monetary union in 1999. At the same time, resentment of industrial, financial and agricultural competition in the European single market began to intensify, as did fear of unemployment among traditionally socialist working-class voters.

While the two main parties squabbled and rubble discontrate signature.

public discontent simmered, Mr Haider as happy to sit back and watch his share of the national vote go up. In last December's general elections, it touched 22

Another vital factor in his appeal was his clear-cut anti-immigrant message. Austria lies on the western edge of the former Communist world but, with the exception of extreme crises such as the 1956 Hungarian uprising and the 1968 Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, rarely experienced large waves of immigration from the east in

That helped to preserve Austrians' selfimage as a Western nation, a cut above the peoples to the east. All that has changed since 1989, however, with travellers and illegal immigrants from eastern Europe a far more common sight in Austria than in the

To drive the point home to Austrians, it will not be long before their eastern neigh-bours join the EU. To Haider voters, it must

ist prejudices of lower-middle class and industrial working-class Austrians, and then blaming the EU for everything. He rails against the Maastricht treaty in a way that

recently. It is easy to jump to the conclusion that this explains why post-war Germany has never produced a far-right movement of any significance, while Austrians found no difficulty in electing as their president one Kurt Model in the conclusion and the drive for greater European currency and the drive for greater European cur

It would seem at first sight that only rightwing forces are likely to benefit from the growing strains in European societies caused by this attempt at rapid integration. Communism is finished as a credible ideology. immigration is perceived as a major social problem in many EU countries, and mainstream political parties of left and right have

scandals and their apparent ineffectiveness recent years has come from former Communist voters, who represent a declining <sup>5</sup>ëlectoral constituency: :

There are several prominent anti-single currency campaigners in the Gaullist camp, notably Philippe Séguin, the speaker of the National Assembly. So far, however, Mr Séguin and his allies have little to show for their efforts to connect public opposition to the government's austerity policies with their own anti-European agendas.

In Italy, the most radical political for the on the scene at the moment is the Northern League, whose green-shirted activists may appear in some ways to share common ideological ground with the people who work for Mr Haider. Yet the Northern League is neither anti-European nor anti-Maastricht as such; it is anti-southern Italy.

# Do they remember?

In France, it seems unlikely that Mr Le Pen will turn out to be the main beneficiary of anti-European social protest. The tworound French voting system has recently shown its effectiveness as a means of keeping Mr Le Pen at bay, by enabling Gaullist moderate rightists, centrists, socialists and Communists to form a "republican front" in the second round and defeat his candidates.

Last year's presidential election indicated that Mr Le Pen's anti-immigrant message attracted considerable support in some parts of France, notably Alsace and several big cities in the south such as Toulon. Yet the National Front has never shown the kind of nationwide strength that the Austrian Freedom Party is demonstrating, and much of the party's new support in

What the Northern League's lead. Umberto Bossi, says he wants is the seccssion of prosperous northern Italy and the inclusion of this region in the "hard core" of Europe, the area in which France, Germany and the Benelux countries are planning to adopt the euro in 1999. Mr Bossi regards southern Italy as a drag on the north's ambitions; but whatever his recklessness in calling for Italy's break-up, he can hardly be accused of trying to whip up anti-

European hysteria. In Denmark and Sweden, opposition to closer EU integration has certainly been stoked by a strong sense of nationhood and by suspicions that the EU does too little to foster employment. Yet there is no real connection here with far-right political activity. Indeed, when Sweden held its own European Parliament elections last year, the substantial anti-EU vote was picked up not by parties of the right but by the Greens and by the Left Party, which is made up of former Communists.

The case for a resurgent far right across Europe is therefore far from proven. There are certainly some features on the European landscape, such as high unemployment, social dislocation and an uncertain international political and security climate, that recall the Europe of the Twenties and early Thirties in which Fascism and Naze were born.

Yet history never repeats itself exactly. Today's far right is not a replica of the far right of that period. It operates within a context of general European prosperity and intellectual acceptance of the virtues of freedom and tolerance that limit its popu-

lar appeal.

Moreover, by the very fact that it has already happened, history serves, or should serve, as a kind of alarm system. This was demonstrated by the negative reaction of most informed Europeans to Sunday's election results in Austria. We shall have to see whether the results have scared Austrians enough to produce a backlash against Mr Haider when they next go to the polls.

For the moment, however, we should recognise that the emergence of the Austrian far right reflects conditions that are largely specific to Austria. We outsiders are free to pass comment on Mr Haider, but it is up to the Austrians themselves to do something about him.



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# Here yesterday, gone today ..



Miles Kington

here are they now? Yes, it's time once again to gaze curiously at the names which once littered the headlines and are now iming people's drawers: the here-yesterday-and-gone-today brigade, the people who give fame a bad name, the ex-celebs who now live in the David Mellor old folk's home of bygones and

Well, I expect you get the point. So here we go again with another round-up of people you had quite lorgotten about until we asked the question: where are Jeffrey Archer Jeffrey Archer has just had a wonderful idea for a book. This has never happened to him before, and he is not quite sure what to do about it, so he is lying down in a darkened room until the feeling goes away, Robert Runcie and Hamphrey Carpente

important politician in the

United States, and his every

The runaway ex-archbishop and his faithful confidant, the ask what it means.) winsome fortyish Humphrey As a consequence, we all Carpenter, are still believed withdrew our attention from to be holed up somewhere in Newt Gingrich. He may still their literary love nest waiting be there for all we know for the furore to die down. indeed, he may still be the after Runcie's revelations that most important politician in he may have helped to father the US, especially as nobody else seems to be - but he has Humphrey Carpenter's notorious book, Lambeth become invisible to us. Layabout. On his last Jesse Jackson appearance in public, when The same as Newt Gingrich, he had just popped down to but black

Salman Rushdie the local church for some wine and wafers, Runcie Salman Rushdie has been snapped at reporters: "Please leave us alone! We just want told that he may not go out in public except in disguise, so he has hit on a brilliant to be happy, living the life of compromise - he has adopted subject and reporter. I quote, he misquotes, and we're very happy like that!" a new profession which involves him always being in Newt Gingrich disguise! He is now an There was a time when the entertainer and conjuror man called Newt Gingrich called Marvo the Magnificent, who specialises was said to be the most

in parties for 8- to 12-year-

olds. Apparently he is very

word was quoted as if it good at the party meant something. It gradually dawned on everyone, at least when there are tricks involving loud bangs, when he tends to get under the table, in Britain, that nobody had the faintest idea who he was, owing to the British inability or when older children argue to understand the American back with him, when he tends system. (Call a man "The to get quite stroppy and Majority Speaker of the House of Representatives" or ggressive. He has not been on a bouncy castle again since the embarrassing time when some such, and we all nod sagely but are too polite to both his moustache and beard

fell off.

The editor of The Sun, Stuart Since The Sun soiled itself a week ago by printing a totally false report of Princess Diana as its lead story, the disgraced Sun editor has gone into hiding on Rupert Murdoch's orders, and the paper has

been edited in his absence by a Stuart Higgins lookalike. Everyone has been taken in," says an unnamed source. The resemblance is uncanny. This Stuart Higgins lookalike comes in every morning orders us to print a load of old cobblers and half truths in the paper, then goes home. It's unnerving. It's brilliant. It's taken everyone in. It could just as easily be the real

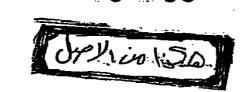
Damien Hirst Damien Hirst, last year's famous young British artist, is

supervision in quarantine, under suspicion of having caught BSE from one of his own works. OJ Simpson OJ Simpson, the man who didn't kill his wife, is still claiming that he didn't kill his wife, but nobody is interested P J O'Rourke PJ O'Rourke, the famous American right-wing satirist has not been spotted on Loose Ends or Start the Week publicising a new book for a least two months, and the authorities are beginning to

under close medical

worried that something has happened to him, and are asking the public to keep g eye open for him. On the other hand, it could just b satirical statement. Or make he hasn't written a new to? Or maybe he has just goe out of fashion (see Gard Keillor, Bill Bryson, etc. Either way, the police a warning people to be differed they do spot him, as a dangerous tongue as well cut you down to

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# Major wages classless warfare on Blair

o class warfare is back. But this time it's a Con-servative Prime Minister rather than international socialists who is waging it. It's honest John, the grammar school boy with six O-levels, against fashionable Tony Blair, an Oxford graduate and qualified barrister, hoping to be the first privately educated prime minister for 32 years. The bat-tle of the boroughs: Brixton

versus Islington.
It isn't, of course, the first time that John Major has played the class card. In 1990, his clever adviser Andrew Tyrie dreamt up the theme originally coined in a speech of Margaret Thatcher's - of a "classless society" for Major to m in his campaign for the lory leadership. It was devised largely to undermine the appeal of his rivals, Michael Heseltine and Douglas Hurd, both also public school and Oxbridge graduates. With Hurd, in particular, it was brilliantly successful, forcing him on to the defensive about his Eton education. Much later Hurd remarked, a little acidly, that he thought he had been running for leader of the Conservative Party, not of "some demented Marxist outfit".

Whether the voters will be as impressed as the Tory MPs were six years ago is another matter. Blair's people say there is no sign that his Fettes public school education even figures in the chatter of focus

groups. If true, it may just be that electors don't much care, any more than they did when they gave a landslide victory to the public school-educated Clement Attlee. But it may also be that they may have spot-ted the contradictions in Major's pitch. Let's bend over backwards to be fair.

Unusally for a PM, Major has little taste for swankiest bits of the job. He hasn't put on sempous airs and graces; and, yes, he genuinely enjoys occasional fry-ups. He's a man for peas, not pesto. The young fogues of the Tory right have shown a strong and distasteful streak of snobbery in some of their attacks on him. Race isn't the same as class, and Major's embrace for black and Asian supporters in Bournemonth may have borrowed a lot from Jack Kemp. But it wasn't forced; indeed, it would have been nice to hear Tony Blair doing something similar in Blackpool. But let's not get carried away. Major's fam-

true that the family had fallen on hard times, and that the move to Brixton from the outer London suburb of Worcester Park must have been hugely traumatic for the young son. (So was the stroke suffered by Tony Blair's father Leo.) But before John Major was born the family had been wealthy enough for his older siblings Pat and Terry to go to private school and to employ a full-time gardener. He rose rapidly through the ranks of the distinctly pukka international bank Standard Chartered, largely through the patronage of its to class. Classless is as classless does.



Donald MacInture

The poor boy from Brixton might prefer peas to pesto. But he sent his children to

private school and now he's Prime Minister

> problem. Some of Major's nchisive rhetoric is a welcome change from Margaret
> Thatcher - who thought resolutely throughout her time in Downing
> Street of "their people" and "our people".
> But what has Major actually done to bring

chairman, Tony Barber, a for-

mer chancellor of the exche-quer. And, thanks to Margaret Thatcher, he also quickly climbed the political ladder, to

become foreign secretary and chancellor within 11 years of

becoming an MP.

He has a handsome five-

bedroom house in Great

Stukely, Huntingdonshire. He

sinkery, Huntingdousture. He entinesiastically accepted membership of the poshly wet Blue Chip chib in the early-Eighties. His last holiday was spent at the Riviera villa of Lord Harris who, though scarcely an aristocrat, is certainly a photocrat.

Like the majority of his Cab-inet and Tory MPs, Major chose to send his children to private

school. This is one reason why

some Bries are so annoyed that he has attacked Bry Blair for having gone to one. The man in charge of his

leadership campaign last year was Lord Cranborne, appoint-ed Leader of the Lords by Major and, as a Cecil, the most aristocratic Tory there is. And

None of this, least of all the quibbles about his family back-

ground, expose anything remotely out of the way for a lory politicism. It seems positively petty to go on about it. But he started it. And it helps

to put Mr Ordinary in context.

But there is an even deeper

about the classless society to which he committed himself six years ago? Beyond, that is, tinkering with an honours system which anyway always awarded a few banbles to the humble. He believes in the abolition of inheritance tax - a measure which stands every chance of creating a new, fully fledged photocracy who need never work if they choose not to.

The class consciousness with which the already famous passage on education in John Major's Bournemouth speech was shot through is peculiarly British. You can't really imagine a French, German or American politician making such an issue out of the personal education of a rival Part of that, to be sure, is a separatist education system which Major sought to exploit against Blair in ily background, for a start, isn't quite as hum- Bournemouth but which in 17 years the Ibries re done nothing to all

There is some high ground to be claimed here, sketched out in a recent book by the (Tory) MP George Walden, and involving the gradual integration of some of the best independent schools with the state sector. Yet Downing Street only got round to acknowledging the book after belatedly discovering that Tony Blair had read it and was taking a lively interest. It's a trivial point, but it illustrates a bigger one. It's not necessarily where you come from that determines your attitude

# Better Mrs B than a bunch of luvvies

By David Lister

ooner or later every Conservative arts minister goes native. They come in murmuring about efficiency, marketing and box office profit and end up honorary luvvies. First nights and private views have an undeniably approdisiac

Having embraced their brief, they then desire to dominate it. And here they become somewhat frustrated.

what frustrated.

Arts policymaking is stuck in a 1946 timewarp. It was then that the Arts Council was set up under the chairmanship of John Maynard Keynes, and it distributed cash annually to its theatre, opera, music and dance clients. When arts ministers were invented some time later, they merely pesotiated the sum they merely negotiated the sum from the Treasury for the Arts Council to distribute. The "arm's-length principle" was bom.

David Mellor, when he took on the portfolio, telling me he was damned if he was going to use all his skills to wheedle money out of the Treasury for the arts, then have no say at all in how it was spent. But he did not manage to beat the system.

Last night, in a lecture to the Royal Society of Arts entitled "Our Culture, Our Heritage", Virginia Bottomley decided to chance her arm. First, she proved her devotion to contemporary culture. The bastion of home counties Conservatism cited as world renowned sculptors and painters the unholy conceptualist trinity of Damien Hirst, Anthony Gormley and Rachel Whiteread.

"It is part of my role to create a framework in which the experimental will be sup-ported," she said. "Whilst work which sets out merely to shock, or be a sensation, is unlikely to endure, when artists simply reflect consensus we should worry for the state of our arts."

Like a mum who hums Oasis to show her worldliness to her children at the tea-table, Mrs Bottomley likes dropping the odd subversive name. In similar fashion she very publicly went to see the film Trainspotting at the Cannes Film Festival - on the recommendation of her phter – and very publicly loved it. She did not, though, sing its praises to the Conservative Party Conference last

. Mrs Bottomley is a politician first, and connoisseur of modernism thirty-first. As an aide told me yesterday, she hasn't actually seen that much of the work of Hirst or Whiteread. It was more their general impor-

Don't read too much into this



### Unlike the Arts Council, a Ministry of Culture with real enabling powers would at least be publicly accountable

tance than a personal preference: the importance being economic importance - they do

In the case of Mrs Bottomley, going native has a calculated political aim. With her audience last night softened up by her one-line espousal of cows pickled in formaldehyde, she began to move towards her real target, the arm's-length principle. Elliptically, she noted that the scale of change since 1946 "has wrought a world that Keynes would hardly recognise".

"With the memory of the German, Italian and Russian regimes of the Thirties still fresh in everyone's mind, there was surely no alternative to an arm's-length principle in 1946. But is it still valid? Should we examine it again?"

And then, casting ellipticism to the wind, she announced she was setting up a forum comprising businessmen and

women and civic leaders to always offered is, give the minadvise her on a monthly basis. Is this taking arts policymaking away from the "luvvies"? It

certainly sounds like it. "I want to make the holder of my office a more powerful catalyst," she told me recently. Certainly, last night she was being catalystic in all directions—firing broadsides at the Arts Council, and later announcing a lottery award for dance and drama students, though she does not technically give out lottery awards (that, too, is meant to be the Arts

Perhaps this is a liberating piece of pre-election muscleflexing by Mrs Bottomley. But if she is indeed signalling the end of balf a century of government at arm's length in the arts, is it any longer such a heresy? The Government does not run the health or education services at arm's length. Why should there be such coyness

over the arts? The answer

ister his or her head and he or she will be decreeing what we can read, watch and listen to. The spectre of Tory Heritage Secretaries censoring subversive arts is actually as remote as a Labour minister refusing to fund a Terence Rattigan season because it is too staid. As it happens, the only recent

example of censorship was not by the government but by the Hayward Gallery - progressive institution that it is - in showing to Scotland Yard pictures from the Mapplethorpe catalogue before its Mapplethorpe retrospective, and bowing to advice on what it should and should not show. (I have to admit I do not recall that chamnion of the experimental and challenger of the consensus Virginia Bottomley challenging this

It is the Arts Council, too, that has failed in recent years to resolve funding crises in

regional theatres and London's symphony orchestras, while handing out millions of pounds in lottery cash to causes that have not always struck the coun-try as wholly deserving. And it is the same Arts Coun-

cil whose own Byzantine procedures leave government, even this government, looking like democracy incarnate. Who elects the Arts Council and its advisory panels? Nobody. It is a quango of largely like-minded people who stare incredulously if you suggest that some of their procedures may not stand the test of democratic purity.

Is it acceptable that the chair-man of the Arts Council's lottery panel recommends a mulilion-pound award to the Royal Opera House, then takes over as chairman of the Royal Opera House? Is it any more acceptable that the architect behind the South Bank redevelopment, also funded by a multimillion-pound\_lottery award from the Arts Council, is the vice-chairman of the Arts Council? No rules broken, but wouldn't we demand more rigorous standards from an elected minister of culture?

George Orwell and the experiences of totalitarian countries have engendered in us a distaste for the idea of a cultural affairs ministry with real enabling powers. But, unlike the Arts Council, such a ministry would at least be publicly accountable.

We also need something more substantial than a nodding gesture towards Damien Hirst or a daughter's recommendation to see Trainspotting to demonstrate the catholic tastes of the serving minister. Rather than plucking a few tabloid cultural demons at random to give herself street cred, Mrs Bottomley and future Whitereads and Hirsts would be better served by her new advisory forum informing her of who is doing the most challenging and innovative work. She could also change the

practice of funding institutions rather than people, which meant that Peter Brook, an idiosyncratic, but muchadmired, director, had to go to Paris to run a theatre company.

Provided we have first-rank ministers and civil servants, we have nothing to fear from a Ministry of Culture. What we do need is an end to the elliptical hints about the changes in Britain since Keynes bestrode the arts. The Government should announce whether or not it is going to abolish the arm's-length principle and with it the Arts Council. Then we can begin the real debate about the nation's cultural policy.

# The secret service, open to question

ow good are Britam's intelligence services? What are they for? Do they achieve their purpose cost-effectively? These questions are so central that even the most secret parts of the state must not be immune from public questioning and debate.
Tomorrow sees the publication of what I believe to be the

most thoughtful, detached and up-to-date primer on the sub-ject ever produced by a recent member of the British intelligence community in Michael Herman's *Intelligence Power in* Peace and War. Its appearance coincides almost exactly with Mark Urban's UK Eyes Alpha which, to the consternation of insiders, has placed in the public domain detail and argument from the recent secret areas of the state which is without precedent in its immediacy and sensitivity. One has been cleared by the Cabinet office, the other most certainly has not.

The past decade has seen the greatest advances towards accountability and openness since Sir Francis Walsingham turned intelligence into a serious part of statecraft in Elizabeth I's time.

It is high time, as the turn of the century approaches, to take a cool, hard look at just what we should and could be seeking by way of our national niche in the global influence business. This is especially so since there is a real possibility of a change of government next spring that would produce an administration with almost no experience of intelligence activities.

Intelligence is a crucial element in any forward calculations. Is it the most customer way of buying such influence for a cash and hit strapped country? Or is it, as a member of Her Majesty Secret tions. Is it the most cost-effec-Intelligence Service inquired



Peter Hennessy

Do the intelligence services have a vital part to play in a changing world, or are they merely the itch after the amputation' of Britain's arm of global influence?

It's time to

review their

role

recently, merely "the itch after the amoutation" of Britain's arm of influence? skim the book until it reaches the section on "Accuracy", with its chapter on intelligence fall-

The Treasury has always taken a great deal of persuading that the nation gets valuefor-money from its intelligence effort which, as Michael Herman puts it, still places us in the upper second division of intelupper second division of mel-ligence powers. The Treasury sees intelligence-gathering like any other government opera-tion as a "customer-contractor" deal. Customer departments, they argue, should tell their col-leagues in the second service. what kind of information they need. The state's secret servants would then procure it. and the customer departments would pay.

John Major was quite keen on the idea when chief secre-tary to the Ireasury. But, as Prime Minister, he appears, rightly, to have taken a broader view. Good intelligence is too much a seamless garment for this narrow approach to be sensible or practical.
Yet the Treasury is right to

point out that the itch for intelligence, whatever the utility of its yield to those who would wish to maximise British influence or to approach the negotiating table well primed, does not come cheap at about £1bn a year. Though as Michael Her-man points out, "intelligence is cheap compared with armed force or policing, governments can afford to buy a lot of it for the cost of a frigate, or for the police manpower deployed on anti-terrorist protection". "The British government," he adds tellingly, is said to be spending almost as much on private consultancy fees for the Civil Service as a whole as it spends When the Treasury acquires its copy of Intelligence Power in Peace and War it will, I suspect,

ure and remedies. One hears all the time how Western intelligence as a whole failed to predict either the ending of the Cold War or the concatenation of events and personalities that triggered its termination.
Without wishing to explain

away intelligence failures, I have to say that if I had been sitting around the table of the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC) in the late Eighties I would not have wagered my pension on the likelihood of the Red Army being confined to barracks when the satellites, especially East Germany, egan to slip from the Soviet Union's ultimate control. Intelligence has to be both accurate and illusion-free. It is not a trade that attracts or welcomes Pollyannas

In a nasty world in which British interests, for both historical and current reasons, still girdle the globe, I remain convinced that British ministers, diplomats, civil servants and the military need to be as well primed as possible with timely information, often of a kind that cannot be procured by open means from orthodox sources. A new government would, I am sure, feel the same not least because of omnipresent terrorist threats. There is no indication that a Labour cabinet would finally wish to withdraw from an international posture that brings with it a seat at the UN Security Council and a range of influences out of proportion to our current wealth and firepower.

Real advantage remains with those nations whose knowledge base outstrips that of the competition. Intelligence without question is an influencemultiplier in the sense that it

enables a state to apply its other instruments of influence more effectively. And when I recently put the proposition what targets should British intelligence concentrate on now?" to one of that heroic post-war breed of old Empire hands-turned-intelligence officers, without hesitation he replied "terrorism, international crime and trade". To his list I would add weapons pro-liferation, especially nuclear, biological and chemical.

That said, there is, I am sure, considerable scope for re-ordering the UK's intelligence effort within a gradually though not dramatically -shrinking allocation of resources. Michael Herman is convincing on the need for cuts to fall on the collection side rather than upon the all-source analytical capacity where he wants both improvement and modest expansion.

This might be the time, too, to consider the feasibility of knowledgeable outsiders from universities and business being brought in to the JIC process to help avoid "tunnel vision". Another crucial element in

any hard, forward look would include the durability of the special intelligence relationship with the United States. Without it Britam would slip swiftly from its upper second division status as an intelligence power. Yet I suspect that so powerful is the Transatlantic and old Commonwealth nature of that relationship (which is enshrined in the 1947 UK/USA agreement) that the British intelligence community may be sceptical of and resistant to some of the opportunities that may arise if Europe continues to integrate and the UK remains part of that integration

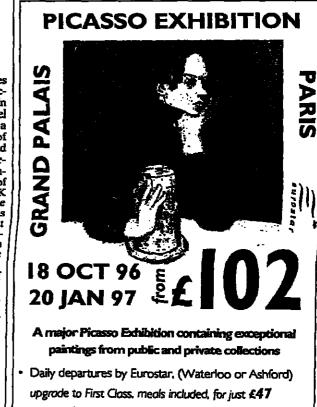
The point I am making, in

Whitehall, whatever the electorate decides next spring in terms of the political personnel of government, must see a really thorough review of Britain's place in the world which sweeps up all the elements of our external relationships. Only then can the kind of intelligence capacity the UK needs in the 21st century be properly assessed and its costs set in the context of the gamut of policies, people and institu-tions which make up the British face towards the rest of the

Whatever might come out of such a review, the Treasury will continue to see what remains as an expensive job creation scheme for a certain kind of Brit who cannot bear to think of his or her country falling out of the great game. And who is to say the Treasury is wrong? If the Treasury could apply

its resource accountancy skills retrospectively, even they might appreciate that just one potential armed conflict averted in advance thanks to reliable and timely intelligence would fund the whole apparatus for several years. The cap ital costs arising out of the Falklands war (quite apart from the battle bills themselves) reached £2.6bn over the first five post-invasion years - equivalent, at mid-Eighties prices, to about three years' worth of total British intelligence.

The writer is Professor of Contemporary History at Queen Mary and Westfield College, and author of 'Muddling Through: Power, Politics and the Quality of Government in Post-war Britain' (Gollancz, £20). This article is based on a lecture given yesterday to the Royal Institute for rnational Áffairs.



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# Founders of Prism Rail in £27m shares bonanza

MICHAEL HARRISON

Seven founder investors in Prism Rail, the company set up to bid for passenger train franchises, were sitting on a shares bonanza worth £27m last night after launching a rights issue to

fund their latest successful deal. The investors, six of whom run private hus companies, already owned 5 million of Prism's 13 million shares valued

company took over its latest two franchises, South Wales and West Railway and Cardiff Rail-

Under a complex deal agreed at the time Prism gained its stock market listing on the Alternative Investment Market in May, the founders received 6.52 million deferred shares in return for agreeing to fund the at £20m. Yesterday they were cost of Prism tendering for rail

The subscription agreement ensures that the founder investors receive deferred shares equivalent to 25 per cent of any new ordinary shares issued. The deferred shares are convertible into ordinary shares on a one-for-one basis each time a franchise is awarded and fresh equity is raised to fund its after the new issue, the

was also only 0.1 per cent, tak-

ing them 6.5 per cent lower than

"All this bodes well for infla-

tionary pressures at the retail

level." said Alex Garrard, an

economist at investment bank

UBS. "Retailers are finding it

difficult to make higher prices

stick despite the upswing in con-sumer demand."

The prospect that this

favourable background will

a year earlier.

awarded another 1.83 million franchises up to a maximum of awarded yesterday, the seven founders also shared in a payment of just under £900,000 for waiving their entitlement to take

up shares in the rights issue. Prism is raising £12.4m by way of an 11 for 26 rights issue at 240p compared with last night's closing price of 405p. Even if the shares do fall to their theoretical ex-rights price founders' shareholding will still be worth £22.1m.

The founders are Godfrey Burley, who runs East Yorkshire Motor Services Group, and his partner in the business Peter Shipp; Giles Fearnley, who runs Blazefield Buses, and his partner Stuart Wilde: Bob Howells, chairman of Lynton, and Len Wright of Q Drive, which are both also bus comoanies. The seventh founder is

Kenneth Irvine. In addition to the two South Wales franchises, Prism also op-

erates the London-Tilbury- of all the former BR franchis-Southend line and has been shortlisted for a further four franchises. These are Cross Country Trains, West Anglia Great Northern Railway, Merseyrail Electrics and Anglia Railways.

The company is already the biggest privatised rail operator with three franchises under its belt and, depending on the success of its remaining tenders, could end up with at least a fifth

es sold off by the Government Prism is projecting a profit of £8m in the year to the end of March 1998; the first full-year for the calarged-group, and said its net assets, on a proforma ba-

sis, were £21.4m. A spokesman said that the large share rewards the seven ed the risk they had taken by time in bidding for rail fran-

chises without any gual Intecthat they would win a single

South Wales and West Railway operates short train routes on the former Western, Southern and London Midland Regions of BR and will receive a subsidy of £70.9m next year. Cardiff Railway operates in the valleys north of Cardiff and will receive a subsidy of £19.9m net year.

# Statistics point to steady growth and low inflation

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, could not have affairs for the British Retail wished for a better set of economic statistics than he got yesterday, painting a picture of low inflation and steady, sus-tainable growth. The favourable economic background helped keep the pound at its highest level against the Deutschemark for nearly two years.

Yesterday's figures suggest that the Chancellor will be able to brush off pressure from the Bank of England to raise the cost of borrowing. Eddie George, the Bank's Governor, has warned that base rates will have to rise at some point to keep inflation on target.

Underlying inflation at the factory gate last month returned to its lowest since 1967, at less than 1 per cent. Most of September's increase in manufacturers' costs and in the prices they charged for their output was due to higher oil prices.

The Treasury said this was "an excellent base for falls in inflation in the high street". A separate survey showing

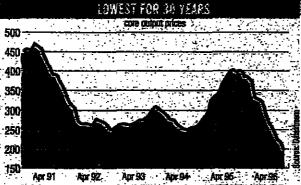
that retail sales by big stores remained healthy in September but had slipped back from Au-

backed this claim. "Fears of a last month, But their core rise runaway consumer boom are misplaced," said Andrew Higginson, chairman of economic

The recent surge in oil prices took prices at the factory gate up 0.4 per cent last month to a level 2.2 per cent higher than a year earlier. It was the biggest monthly increase since January, with crude oil prices at their highest since the Gulf War.

However, "core" prices, excluding food and energy, rose only 0.1 per cent. Their annual rate of increase slowed to 0.9 per cent, the lowest for nearly 30 years. Prices paid by manufacturers for inputs of fuel and raw material rose 0.3 per cent

translate into lower retail price inflation was reinforced by the latest high street survey. The British Retail Consortium reported a 5.2 per cent rise in the value of retail sales in the year to September, down from 6.9



flation in retail goods down to 2.1 per cent in September from 3.2 per cent in June. There was no sign that retailers have in-

crease their margins. The volume of food sales had reased as inflation had fallen, the survey said. Sales were most buoyant in housing-related sectors such as furniture and carpets. Sales of computers, software and video games were buoyant, although other electronic goods were flat after an

"exceptional" August. The prospects for interest rates depend on how long the inflation indicators remain so favourable and on how fast the nace of demand picks up. "The Bank of England lacks the ammunition to push for a rate hike," said Michael Saunders, an economist at Salomon

Although yesterday's figures all went Mr Clarke's way, the all-important initial estimate of GDP in the third quarter will be published before the next monetary meeting, this on 30 October. The broad measure of economic activity may point to stronger growth than indicated by figures for the high street alone. The pound closed slightly

higher at DM2.4158 and



Buoyant form: Martin Edwards, United's chairman, whose stake is now worth £60m on paper

### Man Utd shares hit new high

Manchester United extended its outstanding recent stock mar-ket form yesterday as ren bid speculation sent the share price soaring by around 10 per cent for the second straight

session, writes Patrick Tooher. The latest gains followed that American Mark McCormack's IMG marketing agency was considering a bid for the FA Cup winners and Premier

League champions.
IMG declined to comment on the United story, but said it was interested in increasing its involvement in football.

Earlier this year IMG lost out to sportswear company Adidas in a battle for control of former French football champions Olympique Marseille. United's shares soared 45.5p

to 559p, valuing the club at almost £350m. The share price has virtually trebled since the start of the year. The latest winning run was triggered when chief executive Martin Ed-wards, who owns 17 per cent of the company, said last week that United's status as Britain's most profitable soccer cle made it a likely bid targe

The publishing group VCI made a £300m bid for United earlier this year which was rejected. Potential income from

# Regulators 'would be SIB departments'

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

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Labour vesterday hardened up its commitment to legislate to reform City regulation, with a promise that all the City's junior watchdogs would lose their identities and be converted into departments of the Securities and Investments Board.



end regulatory arbitrage'

Labour has long planned to legislate for a single regulatory authority but until recently left open the question of whether the individual regulators would maintain some form of separate identity within the planned sin-Mike O'Brien, the Labour

gle statutory organisation. "We do not believe there is any vestment, he said.

benefit in distinguishing SIB and the self-regulating organisations. It is an extra layer of bu-reaucracy. The SROs would be folded into the SIB."

The junior regulators include the Personal Investment Authority, the Securities and Futures Authority and Imro, the investment management regulator.

Mr O'Brien said: "At the

moment, there is confusion, duplication and bureaucracy. Labour would simplify the structure and cut the cost of regulation by removing a layer of bureaucracy. We want to delayer the structure and change its na-

It had developed into a hybrid structure, halfway between self regulation and statutory regu-lation, and had failed because it a statutory organisation answerable to the Treasury but opcrating from it at arm's length

as a free-standing agency. Mr O'Brien said this would simplify the structure, end "reg-ulatory arbitrage" - in which firms seek to be regulated by the SRO giving them the easiest terms - and clarify responsibil-ity. The public would know who to complain to and investors from abroad would City spokesman, made clear know which rules would apply that this was unlikely. He said: to their particular area of in-

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# Tesco offers Internet shopping

Tesco has launched a home shopping trial on the Internet in an attempt to attract shoppers who are too busy to visit their local supermarket. Tesco Direct started the service in the Ealing area of West London last week and will extend it to other areas if it is successful.

The service offers 20,000 product lines, a similar number to a full sized supermarket. The goods are available at supermarket prices though customers pay a £5 charge for delivery.

Customers must be mem-

bers of Tesco's ClubCard scheme and can order their groceries through the Compu-Serve Internet access provider. They can also order by phone or by fax. Orders are delivered the following day.

everybody. It depends how much people value their time," says Paul Arnold, business consultant for Tesco Direct. Tesco's move into home de-

livery is the most significant vet by one of the supermarket majors. Sainsbury's has links with Flanagan's, a south London company which offers a Supermarket Direct service on a limited number of lines. And Safeway is considering following Tesco and Sainsbury on to the Internet to offer flowers and wine. But Tesco is the first UK

supermarket group to offer a full range of groceries on-line. Forecasts by Andersen Consulting show that home delivery could soon account for around 20 per cent of UK grocery shopping. Some experts say the

"I don't think it will appeal to smaller operators or branded lar items ordered. Work on virmanufacturers who may be able to offer lower prices as they do not have the additional costs of an expensive store portfolio

over-estimating customer loyalty and the way shoppers feel about the grocery trip. The supermarkets have been

dismissive about these threats but are monitoring the market closely. They say customers enjoy visiting the supermarket and would be unhappy about someone else selecting their tomatoes or bananas. The Tesco system enable users to include comments on how ripe they would like their fruit, or what substitute they would like if it is not available.

Some home delivery schemes supermarket giants could lose in America show that fruit and their market dominance to vegetables are the most popu-

tual reality versions of the supermarket could also soon be able to replicate more aspects of the supermarket experience.

and large wage bills.

They say the superstores are

Richard Perks of retail consultants Verdict Research is unconvinced that home delivery will become a mainstream business. "I'm sceptical about it becoming a major part of the grocery market though I can see that it would be attractive for

busy professionals." He adds that start-up operations or groups of manufac-turers would struggle to match the buying power of the supermarket groups, whose sales run into tens of millions of pounds. If home shopping looked as if it was going to take off, the superstores would launch their own services rather than see the

be always with us," said Bill Elio.

vice president for passenger

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103 lodged a complaint with the

federal government in an at-tempt to have the launch of the

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# **Tunnel seeks** longer franchise

Eurotunnel vesterday indicated that it might not get support for the rescheduling of its £8.7bn debt mountain unless the British and French governments agree to a "substantial".

extension of its concession. The Channel Tunnel operator yesterday submitted a formal request for the franchise to be lengthened from the present expiry date of 2052. The company is thought to be looking to extend the concession from 65 to 99 years..

"In the board's view such an extension is very important to securing the approval of the restructuring plan by sharehold-ers and banks alike," it added. The announcement caused

some surprise since only last week Eurotunnel said that approval for the rescheduling was not contingent on its concession being extended and appeared to play down its importance.

If the concession is extended then shareholders will receive extra warrants entitling them to subscribe for new shares at 130p. If they were fully exercised then existing shareholders could see their share of the enlarged equity rise to 55.5 per cent, supposing the banks do not convert any of their equity notes into shares, giv-ing them control of Eurotunnel.

Eurotunnel's 750,000 share holders will not be able to vo on the restructuring, which could see their interest reduce to under 40 per cent, un April next year. The French shareholders group Adacte: already urging investors to vo against the deal.

The request to extend the concession came as Eurotum announced a manageme pointed Kleinwort Benson as corporate finance advisers in the UK. A team from Kleinwort let by Adrian Montague advise Eurotumel throughout its ad gotiations with the steerin group of six lenders represer ing its worldwide syndicate of 225 banks.

The management change under group managing directo-Georges-Christian Chazot wil tle and through rail services divided up. Bill Dix, previous ly chief commercial officer, be comes managing director of Le Shuttle and James Evans continues as director of rail

Alain Bertrand, formerly chief operating officer, becomes managing director, planning and development, with responsibility for "maximising productivity of group assets and personnel".

### Pan Am returns to the skies was too difficult to serve the public and business interests at the once again. My plane is christened in the Pan Am tradition Shugrue, a former chief operating officer of the original Pan same time, Mr O'Brien said. DAVID USBORNE the Lockerbie tragedy that killed 270. "We do carry the Labour plans to make the SIB Lockerbie albatross and it will

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Five years after the old Pan
Am sighed its last breath – killed in part by the 1988 Lockerbie crash of Flight 103 -

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with "Clipper America" paint-ed on its side. The pilots wear the familiar white caps.

With only three Airbus aircraft in its fleet, flying between Miami, New York and Los Angeles, the reincarnated Pan Am is, for now, a shadow of its oncevenerable predecessor. Another eight aircraft are on order, however, and routes may be added both domestically and to Ireland and Berlin.

It is the name that is returning to the skies, not the old com-

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ating officer of the original Pan Am, purchased a fleet of Airbus aircraft from the estate of another defunct carrier, Eastem Airlines. He then teamed up with Miami investor, Charles Cobb, who in 1993 had purchased the Pan Am brand and logo at a bankruptcy auction. Thus the new Pan Am was born on 26 September.

There is a poignant gamble at the heart of the venture: that nostalgia and sentiment about a carrier whose first routes were charted by Charles Lindits old blue-globe logo is aloft pany. Earlier this year, Martin berg will outweigh memories of schedule.

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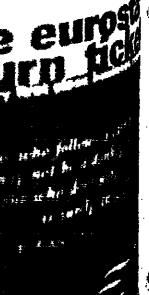
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strength of the pound. By any stretch of the imagination this is a turn up for the books. For thirty years or more, sterling has been a pariah currency, the sort of coinage you could pretty much guarantee to lose your money in over the long haul. Now, some believe, a new competitor is about to enter the ring for the title of weakling of Europe - the

This is very much based on the idea that Maastricht will be fudged to a degree that will allow both Italy and Spain in from day one, in which case the euro might be expected to behave more like the hira and peseta than the D-mark. Up until recently the markets had assumed that the Bundesbank line on the need to keep out the soft Mediterranean currencies would prevail. But now we have both Italy and Spain in a made dash to join EMU at its planned starting date of 1999. As a result, there is a growing prospect of a wider and more unstable sin-

gle currency.

Meanwhile, the plucky little pound, standing bravely aloft from the euro, will take on the attributes of the Swiss franc as a currency that holds its value through thick and thin, an attractive haven for the rich and

What we are witnessing, those who hold this view insist, is a sea change, with sterling climbing back to its pre-war position | be a good bet for several months, but it has

tainly signs aplenty that the British economy is kicking old habits, markets are going to take a little bit more convincing yet. Other explanations for sterling's strength are rather

more mundane, short term and believable.
The first is that gilts look cheap against other European bonds, which in turn have been buoyed by the dash to the euro and german style bond yields. For the next few months at least, sterling assets look attractive to foreign investors. And here's the second reason why sterling is showing strength; short term interest rates in the UK are on the turn with the next move most definitely up, probably sooner rather than later. The very strength of the pound, the effect of which is to dampen the economy and inflation, gives the Chancellor a little more lee way than he had before, but even so there can be little question that he must raise interest rates again shortly. Third, there is the est rates again another. Third, there is the strong oil price, up very substantially over the last year, it is easily forgotten that Britain is still a net exporter of oil and gas.

For all the Chancellor's achievements, the

UK's inflation rate remains above the EU average - well above it if Greece is excluded. Many economists, not just a hard-core of "sado-monetarists", think the current recovery will prove inflationary, if not as seriously so as the Lawson boom. The pound might

kind of status, but such change rarely happens over night. Certainly sterling is not

Sterling the new safe haven? Pull the other one

Another day, another takeover rumour Aconcerning Manchester United, and another burst down the wing for the share price. What on earth is going on? Martin Edwards (Mr Chairman to his ground staff) is beginning to attract bid speculation like Vinnie Jones accumulates red cards.

Perhaps it is something to do with his sug-gestion that the club would have to consider a bid if it was pitched at more than £400m - against a current market price of £350m. That is not the kind of thing chairmen of publicly quoted companies normally say. Then again, Manchester United, indeed football clubs as a genre, do not make for normal quoted companies.

Just look at Celtic, where the wizzards of

the financial dribble are producing some very strange results. It lost £1m last year, it hasn't won anything on the field for ages, it is the perennial poor relation to its Glasgow rival Rangers, and yet the s. 'e µa.' has doubled in the last six months to £20. Ay, that's football, laddie.

The meteroic rise in Man Utd's share price has a little more substance beil of it. It has won the double (again), it is back in | private again. In the case of Man Utd, Mr | nerves.

TOM STEVENSON

In its first full-year figures since acquiring Macallan-Glenlivet

in an actimonious bid this sum-

mer, Highland Distifleries dis-

appointed the market with a 14

per cent fall in profits for the 12

months to August. Highland's shares fell 9p to 330p as the market focused on a 4 per cent

decline in the UK scotch mar-

ket which accounts for the ma-

jority of the company's sales. Reorganisation costs of £3m,

combined with lower interest re-

ceivable, depressed results that were suffering from a stagnant market for whisky. Even though

The Famous Grouse, High-

land's biggest-selling brand,

outperformed the market as a

whole, it still sold 3 per cent few-

Highland's shares have un-

derperformed the market by

more than 20 per cent since the beginning of 1994 as the prob-

lems afflicting all spirits com-panies have been used as a

pretext to derate the shares. Af-

er bottles than a year ago.

Sterling as a safe haven? Well there's a as one of the strongest currencies in the pedestal. Sea changes do happen, every now money now that they have dreamed up the wheeze of turning it into a mini-champions league, and it has the new BSkyB television deal and pay-per-view to whet the appetites of its City supporters. Television income alone could treble to £15m next year.

Hang on, though. It is, at the end of the day and when all is said and done Brian, only a football club. And the defining feature of football, unlike other sectors of the entertainment industry, is that there can only be one winner. What happens to those gate revenues, the TV income, and the Gigesie duvet covers when United crash out of Europe and Newcastle finally snatch the Championship from them?

This does not seem to have deterred an apparently endless stream of potential hidders from Michael Grade's VCI video business to Granada, Whitbread and now Mark McCormack's IMG. Can Sir Desmond Pitcher's United Untilities, which already supplies water and light to the masses in the

north west, be far behind!

roothall has come a long way from the days of stale pork pies, lukewarm Bowril, urinals that resemble cowsheds and egomanicomes who treat clubs like trophy assets. But is it really the sort of business which is appropriate for the stock market? Perhaps football clubs will eventually tire of the disclosure requirements that come

Highland Distilleries profits fall

Brian Ivory: Hit out at rising duty levels in Europe

tor has suffered a hangover of

stagnant demand, flat prices and

high marketing requirements.

The chief executive, Brian Ivory, also hit out yesterday at rising duty levels in Europe which the scotch industry sees

rises of the 1980s, the whole sec- In France a duty increase of 17

per cent is proposed compared

to unchanged duty on beer and

no tax on wine. France is High-

land's largest export market, ac-counting for about 10 per cent

Ahead of the rises, Highland

reported volume growth of 13

of its export sales.

McCormack could save them the bother if his rumoured interest turns out to be real. Meanwhile its directors, who own 22 per cent of the stock, continue to do well as the punters dive in oblivious to the stream of denials from would-he hidders. And what of the referee in all this? The Stock Exchange

has thus far stayed firmly on the sidelines.

Believe it or not, there have been even bet-ter performers than Man Utd these past six months. One is Prism Rail, which has seen its share price increase fourfold as the company scoops one BR passenger train fran-chise after another. These, you will recall, are the very same franchises that appeared so undesirable that hardly anyone wanted to bid for them. Once snapped up by a stock market vehicle like Prism, however, they suddenly seem to acquire great hidden value. Someone, somewhere has got it wrong, and if it is the stock market, then there are going to be some bodly burned lingers out there.

In the meantime, the seven founder investors, who have so far put up £2m of their own money to finance these bids, have been royally rewarded. Even adjusting for the shares going ex-rights when the latest equity raising is complete, they will still be sitting on a £20m profit. Those investors queing up twice around the block for the rights the founders have generously decided not with public ownership and take themselves to take up, may find they need strong

market.

per cent in continental Europe and 8 per cent in America but Mr Ivory admitted that these

markets were relatively small. Combined sales of £36.2m in those regions combined with £106.5m in the dominant UK

After the redundancy costs at

Macallan, and including only

£3.6m of interest received com-

pared with the £6.4m achieved in the previous year, profits be-fore tax fell from £42.9m to

£37.1m. Before the one-off items associated with the

Macallan deal, profits were flat at £36.5m, struck from a 2 per

cent increase in turnover to

Highland's takeover of

Macallan was pushed through

in August after Suntory of

Japan added its 25 per cent

holding to Highland's 26 per

cent stake to make a combined

hid for the remaining minority.

Highland said yesterday it had

found potential cost savings of

£1.5m in shared sales and marketing with its own Matthew

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Gloag subsidiary.

# MMC report contained threat, says British Gas

**CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent** 

The row between British Gas and the industry regulator, Clare Spottiswoode, continued yesterday after the company claimed the terms of her formal reference to Monopolies and Mergers Commission of its pipeline charges could be interpreted as a threat.

Ms Spottiswoode said the MMC's investigation would be confined solely to the prices sparged by British Gas's speline and storage business, TransCo, after speculation that she was poised to ask for amuch more wide-ranging probe into the company's structure.

However the Ofgas press statement raised the possibili-ty that the MMC could widen its inquiry, which is expected to last six months, at a later date. Ofgas said it "does not ask the MMC to consider structural changes to British Gas at this time; however, it is possible for the Director General IMs Spottiswoode] to widen the terms of itself in two. The demerger the MMC's investigation".

Philip Rogerson, British Gas's deputy chairman, said the company would have to prepare its evidence for the MMC panel on the basis that the investigation would eventually be expanded.
He said: "We are confused.

First she says it's a narrow reference but then she says it might be widened. I don't know how to understand it... this clearly could be interpreted as

The MMC referral followed automatically from the compa-

ny's decision to reject the controversial five year price regime, which would cut average gas bills to 19 million domestic customers by £28 from next April. British Gas has savagely at-tacked the plans, which it claims would reduce TransCo's revennes by £650m a year and lead to 10,000 job cuts, half TransCo's workforce, putting the pipeline system's safety at

Ofgas told the MMC the current price formula enabled the company to charge unnecessarily high pipeline and storage prices compared with those needed to give shareholders a

Earlier press reports had suggested Ofgas might want the MMC to consider whether the two businesses within TransCo International should be sepa-A wider MMC review into the

structure of British Gas, which would have been the second in four years, could have threatened the company's plans to split due next spring, will hive off TransCo into a separate company which would include other activities such as offshore exploration and production. Mr Rogerson said he as-

sumed Ofgas would not seek to reopen the issue of the demerger, which was advocated by the MMC in 1993. But he said: "We have no alternative but to prepare for the possibility that the investigation might be widened. I'm struggling to know how to read this particular phrase in the press re-



Philip Rogerson: 'The investigation might be widened'

A spokesman for Ofgas said we'd bring in something new." the wording had been made for legal reasons and it was not the regulator's intention to widen the scope of the investigation.

"It's a technical thing that the lawyers asked us to put in. Technically Clare could extend the

4p lower at 184.5p following the

Many analysts regard the shares as "dead money" for the foreseeable future until the row with the regulator is reterms but it's highly unlikely that solved.

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### **BA** and Virgin chase bankrupt French airline

JOHN WILLCOCK

British Airways and Richard Branson's Virgin Express both announced bids yesterday for Air Liberté, a bankrupt French airline coveted for its strong position at Paris's Orly airport. They face stiff competition

from two French companies and a Government that would prefer a "French" solution. The French bidders for Air Liberte are tour operator Nouvelles Frontieres and Consor-

tium de Realisation, the owner of troubled French airline

The eight-year-old airline is being sold by its administrators after running up Fr650m in closses in the first nine months of this year and accumulating Prl.5bn in debt. The airline expanded rapidly in highly competitive markets, and went into receive hip on 26 September. mip on 26 September. British Airways offered Fr25m for Air Liberté and promised to keep 1,250 of its 1,300 permanent staff if its bid

is accepted.

The Fri 5bn debt lodged by

Air Liberte with the administrators would not be taken on by BA under the terms of the Coffer, a BA spokesman said. A French bank now being bailed spokesman for Virgin Express, out in the largest corporate rescue package in French rier based in Brussels, said it has also written to the administrators with a proposal." Virgin refused to comment further.

Air Liberté's administrators had set ysterday as the deadline for bids. There was no immediate comment from the two

French companies. British Airways wants Air Liberte to strengthen its TAT European Airlines unit in France "Linking with Air Lib-erté represents an excellent opportunity to secure the group's presence in the French domestic market," said BA chief executive Bob Ayling. Once the TAT/Air Liberté

group returned to profitability, French investors would be invited to take a stake in the business, BA said. Goldman Sachs is to advise on this.

TAT and Air Liberte would initially be kept as two distinct companies, owned by a French holding company established by

BA complained last week to the European Commission that a purchase by AOM's holding company would violate EU rules against state aid. BA said it would be tantamount to a state subsidised rescue for the

The holding company is sell-ing assets owned by Crédit Ly-onnais, the debt-burdened

French press reports have

### IN BRIEF

. John Lewis Partnership, the privately-owned retailer, said total sales in the week to 5 Oct were 126 per cent higher than a year earlier. Turnover for the 10 weeks to 5 Oct rose 12.8 per

 Philips yesterday warned of lower second half profits and signalled further job cuts. The Dutch electronics group said it was "mostunlikely" that the second half would see an improvement in income from operations compared to the same period last year. In July, the company forecast an improvement in second-half results. "We believe it necessary to accelerate planned actions for recovery," Philips said, adding that further details will be included with the announcement of third-quarter results on 24 Oct.

• Chrysler reported record third quarter net earnings of \$680. or 93 cents a share, up from £345m a year ago. The figures, way ahead of analysts' expectations, were lifted by a sharp increase in Chrysler's share of the retail car and truck market in north America, which rose 15.5 per cent compared with 13.6 pre cent a year ago. Total unit sales of cars and trucks during the period were 645,766, versus 560,841 last year.

• St George Bank has launched a A\$2.65bn (£1.3bn) takeover of Advance Bank in a bid that will create Australia's largest regional bank. The new bank will have assets of A\$40bn, deposits of A\$22bn and shareholders equity of A\$3.5bn. St George will effectively acquire Advance by offering A\$7.30 for each Advance share, issuing a maximum 227m shares. The offer represents a 20 per cent premium over the average Advance share price in the last five trading days. St George will also raise A\$360m in a

 Rite Aid, the largest chemists' chain in the US, has agreed to buy Thrifty Payless Holdings for about \$1.4bn in shares and debt. Rite Aid will swap 0.65 shares for each Thrifty share, or about \$23.30 a share. The combined company will have 3.500 stores with \$10bn in revenue across 26 states.

 Archer-Daniels-Midland agreed to plead guilty to price fixing charges and pay \$100m in fines. The agreement announced by the corn and soybean processor follows talks with the US Justice Department and marks the closing chapter in widely publicised, four-year inquiry that included hundreds of secret audio

 Gehe, one of Europe's largest drug wholesalers, declined to comment on reports it plans to sell all of its drug production units for a total of DM800m (£331m). German daily newspaper Handelsblatt said Gehe planned to sell its generic drug making units in order to focus on retail and distribution. Handelsblatt said Sandoz was interested in buying Gehe's Azupharma unit, which has sales of DM270m. Gehe also declined to comment on its effort said the government is seeking to take over Lloyds Chemists, the British pharmacy chain: Gehe a "French solution" to the sale, has offered £650m for Lloyds Chemists.

# Imro fines four firms £400,000 for pension breaches

Banking Correspondent

lmro, the investment regulator, yesterday gave its firmest indication yet of the tough line it is taking in its review of pensions mis-selling by levying hefty fines against four independent financial advisers.

The fines, totalling £405,000 plus costs for rule breaches in pension transfers, are the first imposed by Imro in relation to pension transfer business conducted before new guidelines on pension selling were introduced in July 1994.

Imro also said it was making "substantial progress" towards completion of the review of the pension transfer scandal and said the majority of Imro regulated firms will complete their review within the 31 December

deadline. "Imro believes that its approach to the pension transfer problem, which has emphasised redress to investors coupled with disciplining firms for their past failings, has created strong incentives for firms to complete the review in a timely way," said Phillip Thorpe, chief executive of Imro.

was levied against Godwins, based in Farnborough, for breaches of Imro's rules and its statement of principles on pension transfer business between June 1988 and December 1993. Godwins will also pay Imro's costs of £56,384 and make a contribution towards tribunal

Imro fined Willis Corroon Financial Planning £95,000 for breaches between December 1991 and October 1993, ordering the firm to pay costs of £67,948 and make a contribution towards tribunal costs. Heath Consulting was fined £70,000 for breaches between

order to pay costs of £50,000. The smallest fine was levied against Alexander Consulting Group, based in Glasgow, for breaches between June 1990 and December 1993, Alexander was fined £40,000 but will also have to pay investigation costs of £50,220 and make a contri-

bution towards Imro's discipli-These four firms conducted approximately 14,000 pension transfer cases, including 2,800 "priority" cases.

Godwins, said of the 1,167 priority cases it was analysing, it had so far established that only 13 individuals would need compensation of between £5,000 and £7,000 each.

Alexander said of the cases it had reviewed no one had required compensation, while Willis Corroon expects that around 5 per cent of the 5,000 case it is examining may require corrective action.

Imro is investigating 22 firms in all. Five have been given nonpublic written warnings for less serious breaches, three have been closed with no action required and another 10 are out-June 1991 and April 1994 and standing. In total, 30 firms are conducting their review under Imro, and 18 will have offered compensation by year-end. Another 3,000 are being re-

viewed by the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), prompting some independent fi-nancial advisers to suspect that the regulator will not take as tough a line with the firms it is reviewing because of the sheer weight of numbers. However, a spokesman for the PIA insisted it would take disciplinary action where appropriate.



Mary Walz: Was heavily criticised in a Bank of England report on the collapse of Barings

# Barings 'took bonus back from executive'

bunal heard yesterday.

American-born Mary Walz. 36, who had day-to-day contact counsel, Mr Andrew Sendall, with the jailed trader, was alsaid: "The customer practise legedly promised the huge sum by the deputy chairman, Andrew Tuckey, at a meeting in London. But the next day news broke of Leeson's disastrous £830m losses in Singapore and

Ms Walz never got the cash, the hearing was told.

Ms Walz was criticised in a Bank of England inquiry into the collapse of Barings for not checking Leeson's deals. She claims she is owed the £500,000 bonus, insisting the offer was "set in stone".

The offer was withdrawn after the bank crashed and four months later Ms Walz was sacked, along with 20 other managers, following Barings' rescue by Dutch bank ING.

Ms Walz, who headed the bank's global equity financial products arm, is demanding it pay the annual profit-sharing bonus. She told the hearing in Stratford, east London, that Mr Tuckey had praised her

A former Barings bank executive was called "a star" and of discussing a figure of £500,000. fered a £500,000 bonus hours but claims it was only an "inbefore rogue dealer Nick Lee-son brought the merchant bank to its knees, an industrial tri-immediately after the bank's collapse in February 1995.

Opening Ms Walz's case, her was that this bonus would be paid in March each year. In the meeting with Mr Tuckey on 23 February, he said words to the effect of: 'You're a star'.

"He then handed her a document on the 1994 profit share - £500,000'. That was a contractual entitlement and was to be paid in tranches. She was given the provisional notification of the figure but the next day news broke of the disastrous losses caused by Leeson's ac-

tivities in Singapore."

Ms Walz was awarde £160,000 bonus in 1992 and £300,000 a year later. She was dismissed in July 1995 after being heavily criticised in the Bank of England report for not checking on Leeson's trading. Employees retained by ING after it bought Barings received

bonuses totalling £90m but those who were dismissed re-

The case continues.

### IN BRIEF

 Racal Electronics has been chosen to undertake exclusive negotiations with the Ministry of Defence to upgrade radar systems for Royal Navy Sea King helicopters. The news means Racal is likely to win the contract, thought to be worth around £90m, to replace radar installed in 10 of the helicopters by the company after the Falklands War. In July, Racal was contracted to replace radar for RAF Nimrod early warning aircraft. Racal said the two contracts, which are worth £150m, could create up to 500 jobs in supply companies around the group's plant at Crawley in Sussex.

 Hepworth, the building materials group, confirmed it was in talks with a "number of parties" about selling its refractories division. Reports named Austria's Radex-Heraklith, Global Industrial Technologies of the US, France's Lafarge and the UK's Cookson Group as possible buyers. CINVen, the venture-capital company, is also said to be interested.

• The managing director of Associated British Ports, the port operating subsidiary of Associated British Ports Holdings, is stepping down for personal reasons. Alastair Channing, effectively number two to chairman Sir Keith Stuart, will not seek re-election when he retires at the annual meeting in April. His successor would be announced in due course, the company said.

 Graseby, the electronics group, has won a £22m defence contract to supply chemical agent monitors to the Swiss Defence Procurement Agency. The deal has been secured by Graseby Dynamics and deliveries are expected to start in 1998.

 RM, a supplier of information technology to schools and colleges, has signed a deal with Virgin Net to provide an education service to home users via the Internet. Virgin plans to launch its service in schools early next year.

• Kier Group, the construction and property company, has increased profits to £7.3m in the year to June. The company recorded profits of £7m last year. Sales were 5 per cent ahead to £614m with the international construction division performing strongly.

 Allied London Properties increased pre-tax profits to £2.3m from £729,000 last year. The chairman, Sir Geoffrey Leigh, said the company would acquire retail and industrial properties with the aim of improving rental income through tenant mix. He said properties not meeting this strategy would be sold.

 James Halstead, the Manchester-based floor coverings manufacturer, revealed pre-tax profits for the year to end June of £10.6m, up from £10.3m, and raised its dividend to 9.25p from 8.5p. It expects to see a return to profitability at its loss-making Conway Products unit in the next three months, after which the group will look for new management to replace those who quit the unit in June.

 Capita, the management consultant, has won a three-year contract to administer the national phase of the Government's nursery education voucher initiative. The deal to provide all administrative support for the scheme is worth approximately £15m. Capita already administers a pilot scheme in four local authori-

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| Allied Landon Properties ( ) | - (-1             | 9 162m (11.06m    | 6 5p (11.2p)     | 4 Op (4 Op)   |
| Brançole Holdings (I)        | 62,034 (33,042)   | 80,408 (-107,635) | -0 5p (-1 1p)    | mil (-)       |
| Five Oaks lives (F)          | 657m (6.13m)      | 2.06m (2.33m)     | 2 Op (2 1p)      | 0.8p (-)      |
| James Halstead (F)           | 77 64m (72 67m)   | 10.63m (10.32m    | (23.51p (22.75p) | 9.25p (8 5p)  |
| Hightand Distilleries Co (F) | 184 Sm (130 Gm)   | 37 1m (42.9m)     | 20 7p (22.1p)    | 8.3p (7.9p)   |
| Premier Farnell (I)          | 442.3m (264.5m)   | 56.1m (71 3m)     | 13.6p (36.2p)    | 5.20p (4.37p) |
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# Premier deal props up Farnell

Premier, its far larger US rival, in a £1.8bn deal in April, the critics said it was a deal too far. The scope for slip-

ups was considerable, they said. And with Farnell's regular business of supplying electronic components to engineers and manufacturers chugging along nicely, they questioned its logic.

Yesterday's figures and particularly the gloomy statement from the chief executive, Howard Poulson, seemed to prove the Jeremiahs right. The first re-sults to include the Premier deal, they showed that underlying profits at the renamed Premier Farnell were slightly below expectations at £62m. The Premier business contributed £34m less rationalisation costs of £7.7m. The mar-

When Farnell Electronics swallowed

unfortunate timing. No sooner had Far- summer when it forced through the nell's management got their hands on takeover of Macallan, but in reality it Bell's, which has targeted the pub martheir acquisition than the markets ran is more sinned against than sinning, deinto a wall. Volume growth slowed and, with a crowded market placing pressure on prices, margins weakened. In semi-conductors, unit volume demand remained relatively strong but excess capacity again hit prices and margins.
Though the warning signs were ap-

parent in the US as early as last December, the market's deterioration was worse than management expected. It reached its worst point in May and June, which forced a warning at the June annual meeting.
That is the bad news. There is, how-

ever, a strong argument to suggest that Farnell's performance would have been far worse if it had not undertaken the Premier deal.

Premier's strength is its catalogue business which supplies higher-margin components to customers who need smaller volumes delivered at short notice. This sector has been far less affected by the downturn.

The problem area has been Farnell Electronic Services, the group's volume distributor, which principally supplies semi-conductors to industry. Here the performance in Europe was poor, with Germany and Italy particularly weak. The volume business used to account for a third of Farnell's operating profits. Now it accounts for just 15 per cent of the enlarged group's earnings.

The priority is to develop the catalogue business. Farnell Components. the European catalogue distributor, is still growing sales and profits, albeit at a slower rate than last year. It has recently extended its opening hours to provide 24-hour availability of product. Even so, the outlook is far from brilliant. The company is not expecting market conditions to improve for the

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN keting, which will help Highland's determination to hold the line on prices,

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Market value: £1 8bn, share price 660p

Earnings per share (pence) 20.2

Poulson feels they will not get any worse. Analysts are expecting full-year profits of £143m which puts the shares on a forward rating of 22. High enough.

### **Famous Grouse** hit by flat sales

ket took fright at the figures and the shares fell 20.5p to 660p.

Highland Distilleries, maker of The Famous Grouse, was cast in the role of mous Grouse, was cast in the role of At first glance it looks like a case of wicked corporate predator earlier in the pendent for most of its profits on one product, The Famous Grouse, whose future is determined as much by the marketing budgets for Guinness's Bell's and its peers as its own efforts.

Full-year figures for the 12 months off costs of the Macallan deal - peering behind the reported 14 per cent fall in pre-tax profits from £42.9m to £37.1m, the underlying picture is rather

Five year record

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Dividends per share (pence)

Approximate sales by division

remainder of the year, even though Mr
Poulson feels they will not get any
turnover to £184.8m resulting in preinterest profits that were flat at £36.5m.

With the bulk of Grouse sales still made in the UK, Highland was hit hard by a 4 per cent decline in the overall Scotch market, even if it slightly outperformed the rest of the industry and gained a bit of share. Europe and America did well but they are relatively small in group terms and Highland has an insignificant share of the interesting Asian markets.

The susceptibility of Grouse to ini-tiatives from Bell's was underlined by a 7 per cent fall in volumes in the ontrade compared to a 2 per cent rise for ket. In the off-licences, by contrast, Grouse held its own while Bell's declined by 11 per cent.

Those figures underscore the difficulties inherent in the spirits business flat world demand, small price rises if any and the need to spend heavily to August were distorted by the one- just to maintain brand awareness and market share. Guinness and GrandMet are at least now singing from the same hymn sheet as regards phasing out discounts to pay for greater mar-

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Share price

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but it will be a long haul.

On the basis of forecast profits of about £42m and earnings per share of 21p, the shares trade on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 16 after yes-terday's 9p fall to 330p. The shares have been in a slow relative decline for three or four years now and it is difficult to see how they will reverse the trend. High enough.

### **Burford shares** are hot property

More than any other business, with the possible exception of the media, investment in quoted property companies is distorted by a cult of the personality. Some developers create a reputation for shrewd timing and astute purchases that bears little relation to reality but, while it lasts, gives them and their share prices an enormous leg-

up, letting success breed on success. Two of the sector's brightest wunderkinder at the moment are Burford's Nigel Wray and Nick Leslau, who yesterday announced the latest of a string of deals this year, buying a Glasgow shopping centre for £16m. It was not a big deal in itself, but it cast the spotlight back on the duo, who have done their shareholders proud in the eight years since they lighted on the small ground rept collector and started transforming it into one of the sec-tor's most significant players.

Burford's shares have more than doubled since the beginning of 1995 and risen five-fold in the past four years. A small number of hugely successful deals, such as the acquisition of the Trocadero, an underperforming leisure site in central London, have transformed the balance sheet; pushing net assets to more than eight times their level 10 years ago. Add to that the fact that the shares now trade at a premium to those assets (in anticipation of further growth) and shareholders have nothg to complain about.

The company operates on an Armageddon scenario which ensures that even if every tenant were to leave at the end of their lease and were not re-placed, there would still be enough rent from other properties to pay the interest bill and keep the banks happy. It also has a self-imposed ceiling of 100 per cent gearing to stop things running out of control in the good times. If anyone is to benefit from the ex-

pected upturn in the commercial prop-erty market, Wray and Leslau will. Good long-term value.

### Archer accepts £35m offer

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

The reconstructed Lloyd's asurance market received a vote of confidence yesterday when Chartwell, a big US insurance group, made a £35m recommended cash offer for Archer, one of the top 10 managing agencies. The offer came 11 days after the two sides announced they were in talks, and is one of a series of takeovers of Lloyd's managing

agencies by outside companies. Managing agencies look af-ter syndicates of Lloyd's investors - the market's names and appoint insurance underwriters. There has been renewed interest in them in recent months, since it became clear in summer that the market's £3.2bn rescue plan was likely to go ahead. The rescue was approved by the Government last month.

Archer would provide Chartwell with geographic di-versification and direct access to the Lloyd's marketplace for future growth, said Richald Cole, chairman of Chartwell.

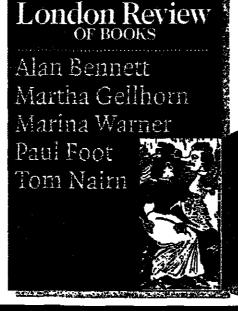
In other recent moves, Capital Re of the US has reached preliminary agreement to acquire RGB Underwriting, which has insurance capacity of £100m, and CLM, the UK Lloyd's investment fund, has agreed to acquire JH Chappell, which has £30m capacity. Archer is much bigger than these two, with £420m of insurance underwriting capacity. Chartwell's offer of 92.5p a share includes a loan note alternative .

The Archer directors, who speak for 22.4 per cent of the company, have given irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer in respect of their entire holdings. The undertakings are also binding if there is a higher offer for Archer. Chartwell already controls 5.4 per cent of Archer. Archer expects to make a pretax profit of not less than £3m for the year to the end of September, and £1.7m after tax.

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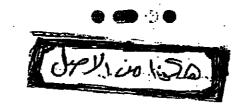
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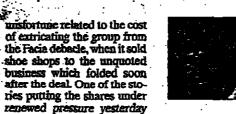
# Sears has missed yet another misfortune related to the cost

stock market party. As blue of extricating the group from thips chutched at another peak the Facia debacle, when it sold and many retail shares contimied to display their invest-ment appeal, poor old Sears, the creation of the legendary Sir Charles Clore, slumped to its lowest for four years. With the market apparently sensing that big potential sell-ers harked the shares fell 4p to

87p.

They have been under intense pressure as the group's management has struggled desperately to revive the for-

tunes of the sprawling Free-mans mail order to Selfridges department store group. Last month Sears displayed its grief for all to see when interm profits crashed to only £2.5m. It was, the market hoped, the natir for Liam Strong, the former British Airways man drafted in four years ago to revitalise the business. Part of Mr. Strong's recent



was the Pacia saga would con-tinue to haunt Mr Strong and

he would be forced to increase

the provisions already ear-

enjoy a strong Christmas run. It would, in the eyes of insti-tutional shareholders, be the

last straw if any Christmas

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failed to join the fun.

Sears desperately needs to

### MARKET REPORT

charge. Trading was again moderate with, despite the record breaking performance, little sign of any significant in-stitutional interest. Still Barclays de Zoete Wedd stoked the fires of enthusiasm by raising its Footsie year-end forecast from 3,750 points to 3,900 and suggesting a 4,300 level at

the end of next year. being heaped on those already Takeover rumours kept some traders on their toes. The FT-SE 100 index ended a roller-coaster session with Manchester United could only a 10.6 points gain to 4,038.7, overtaking last week's peak. Second-line shares, once again, manage one goal over the weekend but the shares notched a 45.5p gain to 559p (after 595p) on reports that It was a strong New York sporting entrepreneur Mark ing significant progress.

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performance which provided McCormack was considering a the inspiration for the blue chip strike. Commercial Union was pulled back into the frame with

the shares improving 9.5p to 677.5p on suggestions of a deal with ABN Amro, the Dutch financial group which owns securities house Hoare Govern. Smith & Nephew, down
4.75p at 211.5p, was also
caught in the bid fever. A
2.86p dividend payment accounted for part of the fall. But
with a 17.8 million turnover
there was talk that the dividend there was talk that the dividend technicality masked some determined US buying. The

group's skin-repairing venture in the US appears to be mak-

arena. VNU, the Dutch group which picked up a near 15 per cent interest in a dawn raid last weeks is free to return to the market today. There is specu-lation it will buy again, putting pressure on United News & Melia, said to be the other possi-

ble bidder still lurking.
Smiths Industries, results tomorrow and presentations later this week, flew 13.5p higher to 790p. A 3.5 million agency cross at 559 bifted TI Group 13p to 569.5p.

Prudential Corporation firmed to 477p with Lehman Brothers making buy noises. The insurer is due to report its new business figures for the first nine months of the year tomorrow. Its US operation, Jackson National Life, is doing well with Lehman looking for 20 per cent underlying profits growth in the next three years. The US offshoot is likely to un-

Blenheim, although 10.5p off derline its progress when it at 473.5p, remained in the bid makes investment presenta-

tions in London next month. Oils were subdued with Lasmo, ahead of a 30-page Panimure Gordon buy note, un-

changed at 220p.
Tallow Oil continued to suffer from last month's "disappointing" Pakistan drilling
results, falling a further 5p to
86.25p. But Pan Andean, devastated by a dry drill in Bolivia, managed to put on 4.5p to 44.5p. With the Bolivian ex-citement at its peak the shares touched 135.5p. Bula Resources improved 0.25p to 2.75p on an encouraging statement on its Russian development.

British Gas fell 4p to 184.5p on the expected reference to the Monopolies and Mergers

Verity, the current hot stock following its signalled devel-opment of a wafer-thin sound system, added, a further 1p to 31.5p.

The Independent Index

Sears misses the party as blue chips hit another peak TAKING STOCK

Shares of PhzaExpress are looking overcooked, unless a bidder moves soon. They rose 11p to a 527.5p peak with buyers convinced a brewer or a leading leisure group will devour what is seen as a month-watering morsel. Whitbread's takeover of the Pelican restaurant chain and Rank Organisation's acquisition of the Tom Cobleigh pubs group have heightened expectations. A year ago the shares were 190p. The US group, Janus Capital, a fan of high flying JD Wetherspoon, has built a near 20 per cent

Hollas, the struggling clothing group, is looking shares, 21p a year ago, fell 3p to 4.5p as a seller dumped 1.6 million at 4,25p. The company lost £3.2m in 1995 and is likely to have suffered further losses last year.

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# Environment taxation should be a practical issue, not a political one

We have to have taxes, of course, but few people would argue that they were in them-selves desirable. So if someone comes along and declares that he or she has hit on a wonderful form of tax that will increase employment, raise revenues, and help clean up the envi-ronment, the idea deserves both attention and a certain scepticism: if this is such a great idea, why has no-one done it before?

The idea is environmental taxation, and it is promoted in two papers just published: one by the left-of-centre thinktank, the Institute for Public Policy Research\*; the other by the European Environment Agency\*\* in Copenhagen. The IPPR paper is a political tract, calling for a series of measures increasing taxation on energy and on activities which do damage to the environment. There is an action plan to bring in a commercial and industrial energy tax, higher petrol and diesel duty, higher waste disposal taxation, a quarrying tax, office parking tax and an end of company car tax perks. The EEA paper, on the other hand, is a study of what European countries have done with environmental taxation and how well these measures have worked in practice. It provides a good starting point, a bench-mark, for the ideas set out by the IPPR.

The first point to be clear about is Britain tends to raise a rather higher proportion of taxation from environment and energy taxes than most European countries. As the graph shows, we raise more from environmental taxation than France, Germany or Italy and more from energy than France or Germany. Countries such as Sweden, which one might imagine are very environmentally concerned, do not raise very much revenue from these taxes, and while the environmentally-conscious Netherlands is

It is worth looking at the figures, because anyone delving into this area tends to get a rather different, and highly political, view of the world. Party political statements are trotted out as facts. The IPPR is sadly guilty of this. For example its press release asserts: "Countries with high energy

prices, like Germany, Japan and Italy, have been more successful innovators than countries with lower energy prices." Leaving aside the fact that the US is surely the most innovative country in the world, this statement ignores the fact that Germany does not have particularly high energy prices, that Japan's new car fleet is less energy-efficient than it was 20 years ago, or that Italy's energy and environmental taxation is lower than the UK's. As a result. IPPR headlines such as "Tax shift could create half a million new jobs at no cost to the Treasury" do not carry much credibility.

IPPR's pamphlet has a strong anti-government tone. Thus the Conservative extension of VAT to fuel used in the home is "a blatant breach of faith with the electorate",



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figures seem to compare badly with that of other EU countries, the government is castigated. On the one instance where our experience is much better (or rather much less dreadful) than the rest of Europe, road deaths, this is dis-

missed as "bland official assurances that accident statistics The EEA conclusions, on the other hand, are presented in a much less overtly political manner and therefore inspire more trust. Take the tough question of whether environment taxes work. Instead of saying "yes, of course", the EEA acknowledges that the answers

whether environmental taxation improves the environment, and the results seem to be encouraging.
On the other hand, while some incentive charges seem to work quite well, the evidence is less clear. In any case, as the

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When it comes to policy, the EEA is orderly and apolitical. It argues, unsurprisingly, that more environmental taxes should be introduced, but they need to be based on better evalnation of existing ones. It believes that it is worth looking further at the idea of broadening the tax base by increasing environmental taxes. It suggests that environmental taxes will be more acceptable if the money they raise is earmarked for environmental

spending. What should the non-political but environmentally-concerned person make of all

For a start, it would be much better if the question of envi-ronmental taxation were discussed in a more practical and less politicised way. Whether a particular environment tax should be introduced should be a separate question from discussions about wider economic policy. If revenue from new environmental taxes were used to cut other taxes, that would be much more acceptable than if the money simply went into the black hole of general tax-

ation.

There is a powerful practical case for higher taxation both on energy use and on other activities which damage the environment. Several of the ideas of the IPPR make sense, including a target to get a further 10 per cent of government revenues from these sources. But the IPPR is its own worst enemy. It does no good to over-sell the idea as a job-creation scheme. And environmental taxes will not get political sup-port unless it is clear that they are not part of a plan to raise more revenue for Big Govern-

\* "Green Tax Reform", Stephen Tindale and Gerald Holtham, IPPR, £7.50

Rod Leefe, managing director of Witan Jardine, an accountancy recruitment agency, de-cided he wanted to do something special to mark the firm's "rebranding" after it

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what better way than to jump out of a plane with a copy of the firm's brochure in your hand?

Sadly, Mr Leefe admits: "I've been trying to pass it off as myself, but the man who did the job was a professional sky diving instructor, Martin Mr Leefe invited a coach-

load of accountancy clients to an RAF Base at Weston on the Green near Oxford for a weekend's "dangerous sports," and the bean-counters shed their boring image and became a team of Bruce Willis-style action men.

"We invited our guests to take part in hovercrafting, quad bikes, gliding and sky-

diving," says Mr Leefe.
Altogether 10 accountants
volunteered to jump, although weather only permitted five of them to do it. "What was particularly impressive was that one of the accountant's mums, who had only come along to keep her company, decided to jump as well. We gave her a prize."

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The 41-year-old sailor is umping ship from Deutsche Morgan Grenfell after 14 years in Great Winchester Street. Mr Tolkien insists that his move was not prompted by DMG's tarnished image following the recent asset

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Down to earth: Sky-diving instructor Martin Souisby

HSBC have offered him a bigger job, he says. Moreover they have a real chance of winning the race to be a truly global investment bank alongde Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley.

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But enough of business. Did he ever meet JRR Tolkien, his grandfather's cousin, the author who gave us Gandalf and the Hobbits? "I met him once, when I

was in my teens and he was in his late sixties, at his house in Oxford. I can't remember anything being said of signifi-cance, I'm afraid to say." Oh well. How about the

sailing? "I've always enjoyed racing. In 1993 I completed the two-handed race around Britain with Peter Foot. The year before that I went on the single-handed race between Plymouth and Newport, Rhode Island.

"But the last two or three years I've been too busy with work and my young family." And no, he's not earning a £2m package. "HSBC's management is run by Scots, and the Scots have a reputation for being sensible with their топеу.

A report in last Friday's "People and Business" column

Valler, who runs a firm called Pearl World in Hatton GarKe

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den, London: "It's an old chestnut. Pearl World is not in the conkers business. We are in the cultured pearls business.

"We are now very concerned about possible dumage to our fine reputation.
When we get around to it, we will consult with our lawyers ... but please note that we are willing to settle out of court. I should say that a tigure somewhat under £1,000,000 will

probably satisfy us." To which I can only reply, Mr Valier: "Nuts!"

Here's something to chew on. Burger King has just appointed David Williams as senior. vice president and managing director, Europe, Middle tiast and Africa. Mr Williams joins from PepsiCo Restaurants International in Dallas, and will run his 1,020 Burger Kings in 21 countries out of London. That's an awful lot of French fries.

Spotted in the magazine Scortish Business Insider: "After the recent birth of his eighth child. Keith Mair, local director of 3i in Aberdeen, bas been telling friends that an-



| top of the league on the environment side, it is second from the bottom on energy taxation.  |   | ** "Environmental Taxes", European Environment Agency, ECU10 impeccably towards unit-holders. My move is not related to that at all."  The real reason is that   | about the Pearl Assurance World Conkers Championship has prompted an angry response from Bernard  other arrival would be named Nac, as in Nac Mair."  John Willcock   |
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### sport

# Kelleway's Glory out to steal Champion

the head-to-head of the season they will bill the Champion Stakes at Newmarket this Saturday, Sheikh Mohammed versus Henry Cecil for the undisputed trainers' championship of Britain. The world's leading owner, via his Godolphin organisation, and the trainer he sacked a little over a year ago will unleash their finest performers over Newmarket's 10 furlongs, and victory for, respectively, either Halling or Bosra Sham would all but guarantee first place for their con-

Some might wonder that two mature and successful men should attach such importance to a title which does not even come with a trinket for the sideboard, but be fully assured that they do.

nections in the earnings table for

Just a quarter of a point separated Hailing and Bosra Sham when the books opened yesterday, with the former, who has slightly favoured at 6-4 with Coral and Hills. Bosra Sham is 7-4 with Ladbrokes, while the pair's closest challenger in the market, John Oxx's tough and there is real confidence that Glo-

much-travelled fifly Timarida, is ry Of Dancer will run a big race all of 6-1 with the Tote. With the this weekend. The form book likes of First Island, the Sussex Stakes winner, and Even Top available at 12-1 and 14-1, the and Hills, since Kelleway's colt

Bosra Sham will prevail. Yet how often has an alleged two-horse race proved to be anything but? And how often too has the mischievous, unwanted guest at the feast been

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Statistician (Leicester 3.00) **NB: Doctor Bravious** (Leicester 3.30)

Paul Keileway, whose belief in his own ability remains fierce, regardless of the long line of empty boxes which greets him at his Newmarket yard each morning. He delights in suc-ceeding at the highest level when everyone from his fellow trainers to the bookmakers has written him off, and the Champion Stakes, in which he will saddle Glory Of Dancer, could hardly be better suited to one

of Kelleway's smash-and-grabs. You know me, the bigger the windmill," the trainer said yesterday, but behind the humour

seems to agree, despite an inodds imply that it is about 1-3 has been running with great that one of either Halling or credit in Group One races ever since his fourth place behind Shaamit in the Derby. He was short-headed in the Grand Prix de Paris, fourth in the Arlington Million and third to Timarida, beaten less than two lengths, in the Irish Champion Stakes at

Leopardstown last month.

"He's always been a bit unlucky," Kelleway said. "He got shuffled back in America, while in the Derby he ran too freely and would probably have done better if he had been shuffled back. In Ireland, the winner gave us a bump, and I don't think the jockey [Olivier Pesli-er] read the race too well, and in the Grand Prix de Paris it was just a crime. He looked the winner all through the race, was ahead a stride from the post and the other horse found a gap and nodded right on the line."

Pesher will again take the ride this weekend ("they'll go in a straight line," the trainer said, "and there won't be too many of them, though these Flat jockeys could get trapped in a walkover"), the only French connection in a race which has



Richard Quinn drives home Mystic Dawn, the first leg of a treble for the Stirling-born jockey, at Leicester yesterday Photograph: David Ashdown

times in recent years. One of those winners, Triptych, spent the week of the race stabled with Kelleway before her victories in both 1986 and 1987, while the trainer took all the credit himself when Swiss Maid beat Hawaiian Sound in 1978.

"She was one of my favourites," he recalls, "because she hated going into the stalls. Monty Roberts, she'd have eat-

en him for breakfast, and Harry Wragg was offering 33-1 that I'd ever get her to go in. I did it, but then I've been in this game since I was 11." It is a profession in which Kelleway has long believed that "ability and achievement aren't worth a glass of water", but both he and his horse are due a

Dancer is impossible to resist. The heavy-hitters may expect a two-cornered fight, but the un-

yet put them both on the floor. ■ The Epsom Race Committee yesterday announced a new seven-day supplementary entry stage at a cost of £75,000 for the 1998 Derby in an attempt to enhance the quality of the race by

change of luck. With eight runners expected to go to post, the allowing late-maturing 50-1 each-way about Glory Of the opportunity to run. allowing late-maturing horses his neek second to Celestial Choir at Doncaster two outries, ago, while Alban Aliman (third to subsequent writter Lady Of Lesture) and Ameer Artayaari (total to Green Barnes at Sandowniare others to respect in this type of grade. Notesy Nations as easy with a Haydock handscap in the mud 10 days ago. He has gone up 13th and his chance would be increased by plenty of rain. Gifthest would also like rain, but Rubbilyatti won on the last at Windsor. Re-

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|   | 25'          | BIANCA'S SON (BEL) (834) IC Passchaert) J Plasto          | heert (Bel) 6 9 11         |
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|   |              | MADORT (15) (Phil Bouchich) A Neucombe 3 9 4              |                            |
|   |              | HAND OF STRAW (10) (Mrs A G Sans) P Murphy 4 9            |                            |
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| 7 |              | DUNSTON KREET (T Wales) P Bayer 3 8 6                     | N Carlisie 17              |
| 3 | 0-00300      | NORTHERN SAGA (15) (C.J. Drewe) C. Drewe 3 8 6.           |                            |
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| Ĺ | 5            | CHANCANCOOK (24) (J Chan) J L Eyre 3 8 4                  | T Williams 9               |
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| 17 | 20             | MANNY BERNSTEIN DOUBLE RESULT CONDITIONS STAKES                                       |
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| 3  | <u>2111</u> 40 | SALEENAH (USA) (21) (D) (Handan A Maktoum) J Dunion & 13                              |
| 4  | 622333         | MISS RIVERA (25) U L C Pearce; G Wage 8 9   |
| 5  | -•             | CONDITION RED BM S Standers M Saunders 8 6  |
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BETTING: 15-6 Questonia, 9-4 Miss Riviera, Saleamais, 8-1 Decine Dancer, 50-1 Condition Red.
1998; Stemag 3 9 1 R Mis 11-4 (H Thomson Jones) 8 zm
FORM GUIDLE
This is a tight little race with QUESTONIA having the beating on form of Miss Riviera and Bertian Dancer. She can well after a slow start to fill fourth of 18 to Faterluby (winter since) Bertiss Bancer. She ran well after a slow start to fill fourth of 18 to Fattribly humber since) in a strongly-run filles' handicap at Ascot lest time – proving her eatler form all wrong over the longer trip in softer ground at Newmerket. John Durlop's Sadn Beil would have found the ground too fast at Ascot, but she wes a long way behind Questonia, yet at Deauville in August she was only a length admit of Miss Riviers when Geoff Wtagg's filly finished a close third to Moon is Up in a Listed roce. Another in the ruck at Ascot was Luck Cument's Paneta, who had scored by just a length from Ibenan Dancer at Glorious Goodwood. With two poor subsequent runs, Iberian Dancer cartainly needs to limprove a lot to wen this. After the Deauville third, Mass Riviera again went close at Senti-Cloud against Golden Pond, a toughtify trained by Fulka Johnson Houghton. She will like this faster ground and she found the seven furiongs a bit sharp when that to Green Berries in a handcap at Glorious Goodwood. Salesman looked a pacey filly when landing handicaps at Lingfield and Salesbury in the summer, but she couldn't confirm Salesbury superiority over Alimond Rock on the softer ground at Rivon, and she also found it toush exiner deatings to the deter handicapoers behind Decoat Ripon, and she also found it tough going against the older handicappers behind Deco-isted Hero at Doncaster. Provided the ground stays fast, it would come as no surprise to see Selections bounce right back today now she takes on her own age and seu. Selections QUESTONEA

| 5.0 | 0  | EBF/MANNY BERNSTEIN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 270 1m  |
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| 2   |    | DEEP WATER (USA) OFFH Prince Faind Salmani P Cole 9 0T Quies 12  |
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| 4   |    | HIGH ON LIFE (PT McGonness & Partners) A Stawary 9 0M Roberts 13 |
| 5   |    | KEEN DANCER (Ms Aleon C Farrent) M Bell 9 0                      |
| 6   | 0  | MICHAEL VENTURE (1.0) (Dr Frank S B Choo) S Woods 9 0            |
| 7   |    | OUE PEOPLE (13) (I): Fig. To Chang) M Johnston 9 ()              |
| 8   | -  | PENCERNICHA (FTC) (T J Wells) D Monts 9 0                        |
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| 10  | 6  | SPY IDIDU. (12) (J H Richmond-Masson) M. Stoute 9 ()             |
| 11  |    | WANTHERT MASHESAN (Sheeks Ahmed Al Melesson) L. Curren 9 0       |
| 12  | 52 | SPANISH KNOT (USA) (13) (The Queen) Lord Huntington 8 9          |
| 13  |    | ZRETH (Sheith Mohemmed) L Compri 8 9                             |
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BETTING: 3-1 High Intrigue, 7-2 Deep Water, 4-1 Our People, 5-1 Zibeth, 6-1 Spy Mool, 10-1 High On Life, 11-1 Spanish Reat, 12-1 Watthiet Nanheum, 14-1 others 1965; Forest Buck 2 9 0 Pat Eddery 4-1 (H Cect) 17 ran

1995; Forest Buck 2 9 0 Pat Eldery 4-1 (H Cect) 17 ran FORM GRIDE

DISEP WATER is a January foel by Desis. Paul Cole's charge is reported useful and is the choice in a spocal Lelcester maden full of interesting types. Luca Cumani takes on the colts with his Randow Quest newcorner INy Zibeth, another with glowing reports. Henry Cect won this with a newcorner leat year and his High latitiges is thou for the test being by Shritey Heights out of a Sir hor mane. Say Kooli (another son of Shritey Heights) is a big threat after a pleasing run at Newmarker behind Mashhaer. Beaten as tengths into soth, he wasn't given a hard time when beaten and improvement looks assured. Alex Stewart is back amongs: the winners and High On Life is enother possibility, while Mark Johnston's rader Our People taced a rough task on his Gebut when a pleasing third to Stowaway at Newcastle a forning tago. Spanish Knot has shaped well enough at Nempton and Brighton but may find this too hot.

Selection: DEEP WATER

4.45 LBW NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 5f

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### RAGINGS FUTURES MARKET

The bookmakers' ante-post lists are racing's futures market. Readers can catch up with the latest developments - best prices are in bold - in this sphere with The Independent's Tuesday service.

Champion Stakes: Timarida. winner of the Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown last month, is a top-priced 6-1 with the Tote - Coral and Lad-

brokes go 3-1. Cesarewitch Handicap: Candle Smile is 12-1 (William Hill) - Ladbrokes and the Tote offer 9-1 - while Better Offer is 20-1 (Tote) - William Hill go 14-1. Among the outsiders Sea Plane is 100-1 (Coral) - Ladbrokes of-

Criterium winner Revoque is 8-1 (Ladbrokes/Tote) - Coral go 6-1. 1997 1,000 Guineas: Dazzle is 12-1 (Coral) - William Hill offer 8-1 - while Ryafan is 12-1 (William Hill/Tote - Ladbrokes go 7-1. Pas De Reponse is 14-1 (Coral) - William Hill offer 8-1 while Fleet River is 20-1 (Lad-

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| First Island (G Wrace)       | 12-1          | 12-1         | 10-1       | 10-1  |
| Even Top (M Tompluis)        | 17-1          | 10-1         | 14-1       | 10-1  |
| Tamayaz (Sased bin Suroor)   | 40-1          | 33-1         | 25-1       | 33.1  |
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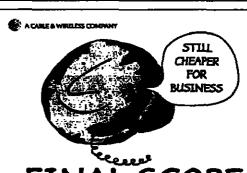
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| Trainglot U Fitzgerald 7:st13(b)    | 14-1          | 14:1_              | 12-1            |                |
| Better Offer (G Harwood/9st 68)     | _ 16-1        |                    |                 | 20-1           |
| Bood Hand (S Karriewell 751)        | 25-1          | 25 <u>-</u> 1      | 25-1_           | 25-1           |
| Harbour Island (M Stouge/Bst 39h)   | <u> 25-1</u>  | 25-1_              | :^-1_           | 25-1           |
| tachcaffocts (J King/Est.12tb)      | <u> 25-1</u>  | 7 <u>0-1</u>       | 25-1_           | 25-1           |
| Chris's Lad (B Meehan/7st 4lb)      | 33-1_         | 33-1               | 33-1_           | <u>.25-</u> 1. |
| Embryonic (R Fisher/Bst)            | 33-1          | 33-1               | 33-1            | 33-1           |
| En Vacances (A Foster/Ret 1/b)      | 33-1          | 33-1               | 79-1            | 33-1           |
| Floating Line (E Alston/7s:4th)     | 33-1          | 33-1               | 28.1_           | 25-1           |
| French by (F Murphy/7st 3th)        | _33-1         | 25-1               | 28-1            | 25_1.          |
| Stace Away (I Baking 7st12ib)       | 40-1          | 33-1               | 25-1_           | 33-1           |
| Sea Victor (J Hams/8st1b)           | 33-1          | 33-1               | 40-1_           | 33-1           |
| Denling (M Prpe/Sst10h)             | 40-1          | 33-1               | 33-1            | 33.1           |
| Deraydan (M Poe/9st10io)            | 40-1          | 40-1               | 40-1            | 33-1           |
| Captain's Guest (G Harwood 9st3th)  | 40-1          | 40-1               | 50-1            | ÷0-1           |
| Old Rouvel (D Murray Smith/9st7tb)  | 50-1          | 40-1               | 40-1            | 40-1           |
| Paradise Navy (C Egerton/7s(4b)     | 50-1          | 50-1               | 40.1            | 50-1           |
| Rummery Pete (M Pipe/7st1lb)        | 50-1          | 40-1               | 33.1            | 40-1           |
| Secret Service (C Thornton/7st9to)  | 50-1          | 40-1_              | 40-1            | 33-1           |
| Fregmarch (R Philips/7st12lb)       | 66-1          | 50-1               | 50-1            | 50-1           |
| Claireswan (M Tompkins/6st8ib)      | 100-1         | 100-1              | 100-1           | 66-1           |
| See Plane (A Bates/6st10tb)         | 100-1         | 66-1               | 33-1            | 50-1           |
| Witney-De-Benferac (J Moore/6st8b)  |               | 100-1              | 100-1           | 100-1          |
| Granby Bell (P Hayward/Est1/b)      |               | 100-1              | 100-1           | 150-1          |
| Each-way a quarter the odds,        |               |                    |                 |                |
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| Horse (Trainer)  | Corel | Willem Hill | Ladbrokes | Tota |  |  |
|--|-------|-------------|-----------|------|--|--|
| Bakhare (J Dunlop)   | 5-1   | 5-1         | 5-1       | 4-1  |  |  |
| Revogue (P (Trapple-Hyam)  | 6-1   | 7-1         | 8-1       | 8-1  |  |  |
| Indiscreet (D Loder)   | 12-1  | 12-1        | 10-1      | 12-1 |  |  |
| Potra (P Cole)   | 16-1  | 16-1        | 14-1      | 16-1 |  |  |
| Benny The Dip (J Gosden)   | 20-1  | 20-1        | 20-1      | 20-1 |  |  |
| Zamindar (A Fabre)   | 20-1  | 16-1        | 20-1      | 14-1 |  |  |
| Bahamita, Bojanty (D Loder)  | 20-1  | 20-1        | 20-1      | 14-1 |  |  |
| Kettel (E Dunlop)  | 20-1  | 20-1        | 20-1      | 25-1 |  |  |
| Each-way a quarter the odds, places 1, 2, 3 (Newmarket, Separtay, 3 May) |       |             |           |      |  |  |

| 1997 1,000 Guineas Stakes (1m)   |       |              |           |      |  |
|--|-------|--------------|-----------|------|--|
| House (Trainer)  | Coral | William Hill | Ladbrokes | Tota |  |
| Sleepytime (H Cecil)   | 7-2   | 11-4         | 7-2       | 5-2  |  |
| Reams Of Verse (H Cecil)   | 6-1   | 6-1          | 6-1       | 7-1  |  |
| Dazzie (M. Stoute)   | 12-1  | 8-1          | 10-1      | 10-1 |  |
| Ryafan (J Gosden)  | 10-1  | 12-1         | 7-1       | 12-1 |  |
| Pas De Reponse (Mme C Head)  | 14-1  | 8-1          | 12-1      | 30-1 |  |
| Khassah (I Gosden)   | 12-1  | 14-1         | 14-1      | 18-1 |  |
| Moonlight Paradise (Saeed bin Surbor                                   | 16-1  | 14-1         | 14-1      | 16-1 |  |
| Saraylır (W R Hem)   | 14-1  | 14-1         | 16-1      | 16-1 |  |
| Yashmak (H Cecil)  | 16-1  | 14-1         | 8-1       | 14-1 |  |
| Fleet River (H Cecil)  | 10-1  | 14-1         | 20-1      | 12-1 |  |
| Each-way a quarter the odds. places 1, 2, 3 (Newmarket, Sunday. 4 M-y) |       |              |           |      |  |

| 1997 Oa   | ks Stake | es (1m 4f)   | ·    |  |  |
|---|----------|--------------|------|--|--|
| Horse (Trainer)   | Corni    | William Kill | Tota |  |  |
| Fill (H Cecil)  | 20-1     | 16-1         | 20-1 |  |  |
| Riyafan (J Goszien)   | 20-1     | 16-1         | 20-1 |  |  |
| One So Wonderful (L Cumani)   | 25-1     | 25-1         | 20-1 |  |  |
| Yashmak (H Cecil)   | 25-1     | 16-1         | 12:1 |  |  |
| Fascinating Rhythm (H Cacil)  | 33-1     | 25-1         | 33-1 |  |  |
| Sarayir (W R Hem)   | 25-1     | 14-1         | 33-1 |  |  |
| Each-way a quarter the odds, places 1, 2, 3 (Epsom, Friday, 6 June) |          |              |      |  |  |
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| Horse (Trainer)          | Coral | William His | Tota |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------|------|
| Asss (Saced bin Surour)  | 25-1  | 20-1        | 25-3 |
| Sahbare (J Duniop)       | 25-1  | 20-1        | 25-1 |
| Entropresseur (M Stoute) | 20-1  | 16-1        | 25-1 |
| High Roller (H Cecil)    | 20-1  | 20-1        | 25-1 |
| indiscreet (D Loder)     | 25-1  | 25-1        | 25-: |
| Yorkshire (P Cole)       | 25-1  | 25-1        | 25-3 |
| Barnum Sands (J Duntop)  | 33-1  | 25-1        | 33-: |
| King Sound (J Gosden)    | 25-1  | 25-1        | 33-1 |



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| ı | 1   | 1            | SECTIES MELODY (Mrs. John Rood) R Bout B 11      | S Senders 8    |
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BETTING: 5-2 Healey, 7-2 Elver's Source, 9-2 Febled Light, 6-1 Amison Pets, 10-1 Attitude, 12-1

1999: Don Micheletto 2 8 11 M Hills 7-2 (G Wagg) 1.4 nm
PORM GUIDE

A newcorner and a once-reced won the divisions of this race last year — the winning trainers being Burry Hills and Good Wagg, Hills was the man with the newcomer, Gold Disc, and he tries now with that cold's helf-forwher Riber's Source, who showed distinct signs of greenness on his debut at Selisbury a formight ago. The winner of that race, Dacolt, was relead in class at Associon of Seturity, so River's Source did well to fain him to four lengths in that actists fround. Very easy to back deter opening at short odds, his dam won over this trip. Wrigg. Though, may be the man to be on again, with his Deiby entry FABLED LIGHT heing an early fool by Alzo out of a Nings Lake mare. David Loder's newcomers are to be greatly respected and Healing, who is out of a Nijhasiy mane, is sure to be well forward. Assistance of the property green before Machiner at Newmonies. Attitude never showed behind Selecty-when very green beford Machiner at Newmonies. Attitude never showed behind Selectywhen very green behind Mashineer at Newmorks. Attitude never showed behind Sleep-time at Sandown, but Booter and Cold Steel are from stables capable of popping them in first time out. Selections FABLED LIGHT

| 2  | 200 | MARRY BERNSTEIN RACING CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500 added 2YO 7f |  |  |
|--|-----|--|--|--|
| 1  | 221 | ASSO ALBADU (USA) (46) (D) (Harodeo Al Malabasti) J Duniop 9 2         |  |  |
| 2  | 1   | NVER USK (17) (D) (K Abrudah) H Cool 9 2Pat Edday 2                    |  |  |
| 3  |     | ARMENAN (Shelin Minharmod) M Stoute 8 1D                               |  |  |
| 4  |     | SPORTURA FELLOW Overse At Malasters M Stocks 8 10                      |  |  |
| 5  | 13  | REZIMON (22) (Fightiers Thoroughbed Recing Ltd) J Hills 8 8            |  |  |
| 6  |     | SICKER'S FLYER (24) (Mrs.) Camby) Rocald Thompson 85 Quien 5           |  |  |
| _  |     | - 6 declared -   |  |  |
| RETTING: 11-10 River Ust, 3-1 Artif Albacis, 6-1 Sporting Fellow, 7-1 Research, 15-2 Arabian, 50-1 |     |  |  |  |

Tenby's full-brother River Usik ran lazily when hitting the front at Haydook 17 days ago, but the second (Ferhan) had had a previous run so the form could be okey. Connections are expecting River Usik to Impose Arther for the experience, but Michael Stocas's newcomer SPORT-RIG. FELLOW is tweenesting, twinting on witness rether than starting in a meisten race. By Groom Denoer out of a Nursyev mere, Sporting Fellow could be decent and Stoute has always to be recitabled with on this course with his youngaines. Sporting Fellow is suggested as the stable's Not, over the Azad newcomer Azablas, while John Hiller's Riy, Resembon; who landed a few bets on her Redoer debut, should come on for her comeback third to Imitoz here three weeks ago. Assid Albede gase a hirt of why he is so well regarded when he best Nonnisor Lard and Court Roberto at Chester. He showed a nice turn of foot there and his paraciposion adde further interest to a cracking fittle race.

Selections SPORTING FELLOW

2.30 EBF/MANNY BERNSTEIN CREDIT DIVISION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV II) £4,300 added 2YO colts & geklings 7f

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|            | = 10 declare                                 |  |
| HIR: 24    | Final Trial, 5-2 Shoubout, 7-2 Marines       | , 7-1 The Roundellis, 12-1 Smalabosh, 14-1 |
| e America  | mot, 16-1 others                             | ,  |
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|            | FORM GO                                      |  |
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Maybase bots clear best of those with experience after a pleasing debut showing at Hey-dock— the Mixto colt was not given a hard time when headed and finished fifth to River Usis. Two strong stables have newcomers, and Basry Hilk's SHOWINDAT, a Warning colt from a successful tamaly, is given the nod over Geoff Wragg's Final Trief, who is by Last Tycoon

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| -  | 700      | MANNY BERNSTEIN TRADE DIVISION SELLING   | HANDÍCAP                 |
| -2 |          | (CLASS 6) £3,000 added 7f  |                          |
|    |          | •  |                          |
| 1  | 305007   | HOW'S YER FATHER (28) (D) (Mis A Senders) R Hodges 10 10 0 Amer  | <b>109 2010/02 (2)</b> 8 |
| 2  |          | PEASIL DAWN (1) (Nes E Keepl G L Moore 6 10 0  |                          |
| 3  |          | MORIOCCO (6) (D) (Marko Myem) M Chennon 7 9 12   |                          |
| 4  |          | ENERSE: (FIT) (33) (D) (Gordon Mycon) A Balley 8 9 11  |                          |
| 5  | 100020   | ROI DE LA MER (20) (Foundation Developments Ltd)   Alietures 5 9 11  | R Houses 8               |
| 6  | 440400   | STATISTICIAN (18) (John Beryl John Bery 4 9 9  | _R Cocksage 5 B          |
| 7  |          | SUPER PARK (27) (left Peace) ) Peace 4 9 8   |                          |
| 8  |          | FIRST GOLD (106) [D) (KD Standen) J Whaton 7 9 8   |                          |
| g  |          | JAMES CIRL (141) Mrs Baine M Burke) K Burke 3 9 7  |                          |
| 10 |          | MESILEMANI (76) (C) Olas Parnela Carri) A Newcombe 6 9 7   |                          |
| 11 |          | CHARMING BRIDE (24) (D) (D) A Shelests S Willers 3 9 7   |                          |
|    |          | SKLACIA (28) (Somerset and Doset Racing) W G M Turner 496  |                          |
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|    |          | BUPPINLUX (28) (D) U G Vaugnen) Bob Jones 4 9 6  |                          |
| 14 |          | SELVER HARROW (33) A4 Patril) A Novcombe 3 9 5   |                          |
| 15 | 050000   | DUO NOSTER (28) (P D South Me M Reveloy 3 9 4  |                          |
| 16 | 241500   | WADERS DREAM (21) (Richard Bonnson) Pat Mitchell 7 93  |                          |
| 17 | 330310   | SPEEDY SHAPS PREDE (39) (D) (P D Cunded) P (Andel) 4 9 3   | 6±550bs (5) 20 B         |
| 18 | 000130   | QUEEN OF SHAVEON (20) (D) (1 Vigerore) A Carroll 8 9 2   | odholese (7) 11 V        |
| 19 | 500000   | STRANSAT THEREDAY (USA) (11) (Mrs ? Loscomb) J Spering 3 9 2   | _& Berthrell 4 B         |
| 20 | 000050   | SOUTHERN DOMESON (18) Blus J Williams C Alon 492.  | ribe Dwyer (5) 16        |
|    |          | -20 declared -   |                          |

- 20 decized ENTING: 5-1 How's Yer Father, 6-1 Pearl Dawn, 8-1 Morecco, 9-1 Everent, 10-1 Rol De La Mer, 111 Saper Park, Statistician, 12-1 Misternat, 14-1 Charming Bride, 16-1 others
1898: Nashest 7 9 11 J Stack, 20-1 (N Vibles) 20 cm
FORMS GUIDE
Expect a good run from Pearl Dawn, who finished fourth here yesterday in the better race won by Present Sizuadon. Pearl Dawn heat Rocky Westers and Just Mille in a seller at Brighton's in July, the filly having contested a hotter race on the same course the pressure day. Some

Marriedou was a decent third in that race. Morticob has since intended in good fourth to Cas-tan at Nottingham hast week and has won for Alan Edden, but Pearl Demy, does meet him allo better. The runner who could surprise them all is STATISTICIAN, who has dropped down the weights and now tried in blankers. He won a title handicap at Catterick last season when nodes by Hieren Fallon, and he could be the type who needs strong handling (Ray Cochrane today) after his runs this season for appreciations and an arrestour. Bashyllia has been a bit quiet since landing a 33-1 win from Reprehend and 1.7 others in a Donosseer clearner a year query since arrung et 35-1 von intrin respression and 17 offices in a Donosteer claimer a yearage. She'll over the same trip today and the very she has been vesinting in now despensed
with. Some promise has been shown and Euphylife now meets Morocco on 9th better terms
compared to her two latest starts. Newmarket seller winner Speedy Samps Pride has claims,
while Charming Bride and Waders Dream may do better then Queen of Shannon and
First Gold, the lest-reamed returning from a layoff.

Selection: STATISTICIAN

| •   | -   |               | MANNY BERNSTEIN IN RUNNING HANDICAP (CLASS E)  |
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| ÷   | -13 | L30i          |  |
| •   |     |               | £4,200 added 1m 2f   |
|     | 1   | 120523        | BOMAN REEL (USA) (41) (D) (K Higson) G L Moore 5 10 0                                |
| į   | 2   | 336620        | GLURGED (98) (Tradeign Record Club and Partners) M Tomplans 3 9 12                   |
|     | 3   | 340130        | MARKEY WHITE (3) (3) (The Horsey White Partnership) J Peartn 4911                    |
|     | ă   | 040345        | HEVAL IND (15) (CD) (Twenty Twenty Record Max N Mecaulay 8 9 10                      |
|     | . 5 | 290000        | ACCESS ADVENTURER (27) (D) Driss Eleme D Williams) R Boss 5 9 10                     |
| : . | š   | 43514         | GENERAL MANER (SG) (A Carbert) 7 J Houghton 3 9 10                                   |
|     | 7   | 651400        | RENGA'S PRINCE (13) (P Sweeting) K Burto 3 9 10                                      |
|     | á   | 6624F1        | MOSEY NICETYE (10) (0) (left Pearse) ) Peace 3 9 10                                  |
| •   | ğ   | 62.140        | DOCTOR BRAVIOUS (9) (Luciano Gauce) M Bell 3 9 8                                     |
| •   | 10  | 905000        | WET PARCH (13) (D) Paier Hammond R Hamon 497   |
|     | 11  | 630603        | TEMPRESS (123 (D) (A D G Oldred P Walson 3 9 5 Sandors 13 V                          |
|     | 12  | 210410        | ACTION JACKSON (27) (D) (R G Levin) B McMath 493                                     |
|     | 13  | 542<br>710-10 | AFON ALMEN (29) (0) (I E Lloyd) S Williams 3 9 3                                     |
|     | 14  | A77460        | TWO SOCKS (13) (Mrs Sam Marks) P Bungone 3 9 2 R Heghes 19                           |
|     | 15  | 11.0EDE       | PLATERIUM PLUS (24) (5) (Also Christine Rawson) C Duyer 4 9 1                        |
| •   | 16  | TITOUS        | CEFTECK (15) (C Whater & Mr / Carroll Sir Mark Prescott 4 8 13                       |
| •   | 17  | THEM          | AMEER ALFRYAAR (32) [Lime Street Racing Syndicates R Alebura 3 8 12 T Quina 9        |
| •   | 18  | 600500        | PLINERYALI (26) (Myck Hall Stud) C Brown 48 12                                       |
| ١.  | 19  | 23540\$       | WILLY STAR (REL) (SIG PAIR S Smith) big S Smith 6 8 9                                |
|     | 225 | ماجمد         | - 19 declared -  |
| •   | -   |               | Mosey Plative, 7-1 General Havan, 8-1 Elarred, 9-1 Tempiress, 10-1 Afon Alven, Gift- |
| •   | -   | 1242 0-1      | which wine? 1.7 desires vesser o.7 besider 5.7 leadings? They vice vesser one.       |

SETTING: 6-1 Mosey Retive, 7-1 General Haves, 8-1 Starred, 9-1 Temptress, 10-1 After Almen, Bifflocs, 13-1 Roman Bael, 13-1 Revery Walks, Riddlysst, Well Patch, 14-1 Dector Brevious, 15-1 ethers
1995: Alarent 4 9 8 G Carter 10-1 () Dunlop 19 an
FORM GUEDE

Harvey White, eighth of 27 to Dreems End at York on Saturday, must have a leading chance
with today's extra funding more to his Biding. He beet Ferm's Governor hydroer strice) over this
top at Kerngton Bast month (Wet Patch severith and Sib better) and his 1-blowing Newmorleat third to Step Aloft was in a stronger grade. Temptress wore a visor for the first time
since her juvenile days when caught by only Shalifs at Salisbury a fortrigh' ago. She is on
faster ground today, but her Newbury with in May Deet Present Arms! was on this type of
surface so the has a real chance. The colt taken to collect is DOCTOR SRAVIOUS, an atweather winner highly tried afterwards and fresher then most after a consetuck outing behind Massier Beveled at Heydock nine days ago. Starred is a fair maiden with a chance on

### O AWARD BLEE (23) Folly Road Restrict Patriess (1996) F. Mohulide S 11. OD BON GUEST (23) 646 E. Indonesi T.J. Marginton S 11. O DUNISTON GOLD (5) (T. Wallord P. Brown S 11. DEMOR ARRONGCHERRY (12) (A.J. Richards) C. Sintain S 11. HYPERION 2.15 Souson 2.45 Fen Terrier 3.15 Notable Exception 3.45 Beldine 4.15 The Gallopin' Major 4.45 Rue Charm 5.15 Duraid

GOING: Good to Firm.

Left-hand, undulating course. Easy fences and long run-in.

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3-45 CHETON CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 110yds

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3 3155-01 MYHONY BELL (12) (c) (b) T Cur 10 11 0 A Williamson

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### **sport**

# The more prosperous and fashionable of the clubs are likely to pose a greater threat to Welsh club rugby than league ever did

It would be a brave or foolish gambler who would put money on Neath Only Swansea, who should in justice or Spurs, irrespective of whether he to beat Harlequius at The Stoop next Saturday. The Quins have already defeated Cardiff and Swansea, on neither occasion playing their best team, whereas the Welsh clubs field-

ed more or less their first choices. Last Saturday Brive defeated Neath in the Heineken European Cup. Despite the fact Llanelli beat Leinster and Pontypridd beat Treviso on the same day, and Cardiff (through a drop goal by Jonathan Davies) beat Wasps on Sunday, the overall record of Welsh clubs against outside op-

position has not been outstanding. In the second-order European Conference competition, Newport, Newbridge, Bridgend, Treorchy. Dunvant and Ebbw Vale went down respectively to Agen, Glasgow, Cas-

be competing in the Cup proper, managed a win, against London

As I predicted at the end of last season, the First Division Courage more prosperous and fashionable of them - Bath, Harlequins and Wasps, not to mention Richmond and Newcastle in the Second Division - are likely to pose a greater threat to Welsh club rugby than rugby league ever did. Indeed, if we look at the position more broadly rather than in a specifically Welsh context, we may conclude that it is now union which threatens league rather than the other way about.

Only Swansea, who should in justice or Spurs, irrespective of whether he comes from England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland. They are the best clubs, and they happen to be in England. The various national football League clubs or, at any rate, the selectors choose from them without the slightest hesitation or embarrassment. In fact Jack Charlton, when he was assembling the Republic's side, was not only lacking in embarrassment but positively shameless.

I do not expect rugby to reach this stage - or not quite. But inevitably more and more talent is going to be drawn from the poor regions of the British Isles towards England because that is In football, an ambitious young man usually wants to play for Livit will be drawn towards the South-



East because that is where most of the money is. But is it, I wonder, wholly a coincidence that Hariequins are now the most formidable side in the British Isles, that they are closely followed by Wasps, and that Saracens and Richmond occupy positions which neither they nor anyone else would have dreamt

The Scots have always been coinfortable taking players for their na-tional side from English clubs: not only from London Scottish but from such chibs as Billy Steele's Bedford or Damien Cronin's Bath.

Indeed, many native Scots would maintain that they have been altogether too comfortable and that to maximise your chances of a Scottish cap you had better sign up for Lon-don Scottish, one of the big English clubs or one of the Edinburgh old-

The Irish have traditionally been the last year, however, internationals have been crossing the Irish Sea with the ease and abandon of the

heved, could walk on the water. They have gone chiefly to London Irish and to Saracens.

There is now a crisis because the national team is selected more from the provinces than from the clubs. Naturally the English clubs, including London Irish, do not want their players going off to Ireland for provincial games or trials and missing training or League matches. The rational solution is for the Irish to hold their national training sessions at Sunbury on Thames.

But it is the Welsh who will find the transition most uncomfortable equally comfortable, largely be- because we have always been so arcause the problem did not exist. In rogant about our dub rugby. This attitude persists. Great pre stire was put on Gareth Llewellyn to stay in Wales and not to move to Harle-Celtic Saints of old, who, it was be- quins. It seems he has been forgiv-

en because he remains in the Welsh side. Scott Quinnell, of Richmond, is having contract trouble but as soop as it is sorted out it looks as if he be back too.

His younger brother, Craig, has been playing even better for the same club and should be in the Welsh side as well, either at lock or at No.6. So, above all, should Alian Bateman, also now of Rich-mond. He should play outside Scott Gibbs of Swansea. In Saturday's encounter with London Scottish, Bateman was undoubtedly man of the match. The presence of the Welsh selectors Geoff Evans and Terry Cobner hinted that the old parochialism might be dying. I hope it does. It will have to if Wales are to field their best side.

# Williams wait for Schumacher factor's effect

Damon Hill gave the championship a final gloss and Formula One went into official recess with the cosy feeling that the earnest endeavours of an honourable man had been rewarded.

That carefully applied ve-neer could not, alas, disguise the reality this had been a largely unspectacular season, the ease of Hill's concluding victory in the Japanese Grand Prix serving to highlight the fact.

Eddie Irvine recently expressed the opinion it had not been a world championship but a Williams championship. In truth, it never quite became that good. Jacques Villeneuve turned no chance into a slim chance, getting to grips with Formula One too late to catch up with Hill.

It is not the first time one team has been streets ahead of the rest and will not be the last. In the past, however, there have been classic domestic duels which have ignited the championship: Alain Prost v still trying to make up lost Ayrton Senna at McLaren, Nelson Piquet v Nigel Mansell at

his season was reminiscent of 1993, when Prost's title was virtually a foregone conclusion, his progress only occasionally interrupted by Senna when freak of circumstance permitted. The Frenchman's team-mate made no challenge, whether or not he was able to. Hill accepted the

role of dutiful No 2. Riccardo Patrese had been a more reluctant supporting act to Mansell's command performance the previous year, and although the Englishman's title was never in question he at least gave the impression he was exploring the limits of the Williams, As Patrick Head, the team's technical director, recently reminded us: "I like to see the car have its neck

wrung. That was not Prost's style and it is not Hill's style. Britain's latest champion is at his best pacing himself at the front and the superiority of the Williams provided him with that luxury.

Williams won 12 of the 10 races this season, and all four reverses are regarded by the team. to have been self-inflicted. A bizarre Monaco Grand Prix. in which three cars finished and a Ligier, driven by Olivier Panis,

**Derick Allsop** on a Formula One season when one team achieved too

great a dominance

he joined the list of retirements. The other three races went to Michael Schumacher, the one driver capable, as Senna was in 1993, of scizing on the slightest opportunity. His brilliance was assisted, at a wet Barcelona, by the settings on the two Williams, at Spa he profited from a mix-up in the pit to driver communications and he had the incomparable pleasure of driving a Ferrari to victory at Monza after mistakes by Hill

and Villeneuve. There was simply no genuine competition. Ferrari relied on Schumacher's unequalled talent, Benetton revealed how much they had relied on it, and McLaren were ground. The rest remained in the Second Division.

Head said: "It sounds a bit big-headed, but I have to sa I've been a bit disappointed with the lack of competition. Taking nothing away from Schumacher, because he is outstanding, but we've made a mess of it at some races and you can't afford to give him such opportunities." Williams will take ample con-

solation from their overall performance this year which justly earned a record equalling eighth constructors' championship. They were self-critical enough to admit they needed to sharpen their act and they did. They now feel they must sharpen it further if they are to retain their titles.

Schumacher's contribution to a season in which he surrendered his championship actually enhanced his reputation and standing above all others. even if he could not always contain his contempt for his main rival. Again, shades of Senna. Not only pre-eminent on the

track, but also smart enough off it to win over everyone in his team, Schumacher never publicly criticised the slapstick incompetence Ferrari demonstrated mid-season, a lesson Hill might take on board. Martin Brundle observed:

Schumacher. He no doubt kicked their backsides behind the scenes, but out in the open he was calm and understanding while all around him seemed to be collapsing.

Williams have already figured Schumacher will be their chief opponent next season, and they patently believe they are more likely to resist him with Heinz-Harald Frentzen, rather than Hill, alongside Villeneuve.

Schumacher's recent assertion that he and Ferrari may have to wait until 1998 to realise their full potential is seen by Frank Williams as a cumning

ploy by the German.
"Michael is very good at that," Williams said. "The more he says he doesn't think he can beat you, the more he means he is really going to get you be-tween the shoulder blades.

"His going to Ferrari has been good for Ferrari and Formula One. Without him they would still be really struggling. He's given them great hope. The last thing Formula One needs is Ferrari 'au revoiring' the scene. Michael will certainly be the linchpin that ke them in for a long time.

'I'd love him in my car, but I don't believe it will ever happen. He's just used to receiving so much money. Although we're always trying to beat him, people probably think we're his mortal enemies, which we're

"We're just as big a fan as everybody else. He's a brilliant driver. He's the class of the field. Any team that doesn't have Michael has a problem."
Williams consider Ferrari's

progress with their engine another ominous pointer for next season. If the new car – understood to bear a remarkable resemblance to the Williams - is as effective then the Oxfordshire camp will have serious cause for

"The trend at Ferrari is upward and what they've done with the V10 in one season is astonishing," Williams said. No one else has done that. So they must know what they're doing. And they're going to get the

The sport in general and Germany in particular is already anticipating a weighty confrontation between Schumachwon, was a cruise for Hill until "That was extremely classy of er and Frentzen. Compatriots,



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former team-mates and the added ingredient that Mrs Schumacher was once Frentzen's girlfriend represent

a potentially explosive cocktail. Williams said: "There's been a lot of hype about Frentzen being as quick or quicker than Michael, but I don't know. Lots of people are good till Formula Three, then peter out. On the other hand Alan Jones [Williams' first world champion in 1980) was never anything special till he got into a grand prix car. So it works both ways.
"I always take the pessimistic

view, every year, every day even, and I'm surprised we had such an edge this year. I'm delighted about it but I'm not crowing because I really mean it when I say we're going to be

up against it next year.

"The rules are so tight and the others are making progress but don't tell Adrian [Newey] there's less scope for us to make progress. He's been sweating like hell in the wind tunnel, bless him.

Williams may have discarded Hill, but they are holding Newey, their chief designer, to

his contract in the face of attempts by McLaren to lure him away, a measure of his talent. McLaren and Benetton will hope they, as well as "Scuderia Schumacher", can threaten Williams next season, but we ought at least to be assured a

Villeneuve-Frentzen battle. As for Hill, he should have plenty of endorsements and personal sponsorship deals to boost his pension fund. If he can lead TWR Arrows to the head of that Second Division he will be the richer in sporting

championship in August, awaits the winner in Friday's quarter-

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### **Brewers ready** to stand another round'

Rugby Union CHRIS HEWETT

The first real sign that an out-break of sanity is about to refresh those parts of the British rugby community that seemed beyond the reach of reason less than a fortnight ago emerged yesterday when Heineken, sponsors of the European Cup, signalled their desire to establish new

long-term links with the game. The brewers have received sufficient assurances from the competition organisers, European Rugby Cup Limited, to persuade them not only to stay on board until their existing deal runs out at the end of next season but also to discuss the possibility of a follow-on agreement worth substantially more than their current £5m contribution.

Given that many of the leading ERC figures are also involved in the various factions manoeuvring for prime positions in rugby's new professional landscape, Heineken's vote of confidence suggests stability is finally in sight after months of upheaval. It is a far cry from the situation that prevailed last Friday night, when Heineken representatives were wondering

whether they should bother. Having seen a £15m network broadcasting deal with ITV slip away through the neglect of ERC, the sponsors were understandably reticent about paying out significant sums to a piper whose tunes seemed of the

loony variety. There was a wooble, yes." said Jolyon Armstrong, the Heineken spokesman, yesterday. "We reserved our position for obvious reasons; it was a sticky situation for every one. We are experienced enough in the field of sports sponsorship to appreciate that new ven-

teething troubles. We needed some reassurance, which we duly received."

Armstrong said he was hope-ful that television coverage, restricted last weekend to an S4C broadcast of the Wasps-Cardiff game, would expand. Sky and the BBC are involved in discussions, which should bear

fruit by the quarter-finals.

By that time, Scotland will be extremely fortunate to have any direct interest. All three of their district sides were defeated in the opening round of matches at the weekend and the quality of opposition is such that there may be little or no relief

as the pool phase unfolds. However, the Scots have laid an important foundation stone for next season's putative Super League by constituting Edinburgh, the Scottish Borders and Caledonia Reds as clubs rather than districts to meet (2).

expected entry requirements. Scott Hastings, a virtual certainty to lead his country against Australia next month in the absence of the injured Rob Wainwright, admitted after Edinburgh's defeat by Bath on Saturday that existing club sides north of the border could not hope to survive in competitive Continental rugby.

One Scot who will not be an pearing for anyone next season is the 22-year-old prop Jason Fayers, who was yesterday banned for four years for violent conduct. The Scottish Rugby Union viewed video footage of Payers, a veterinary surgeon who plays for Edinburgh Academicals, punching Craig Halliday at a line-out during the match against Kelso in September.

As a result of the attack Halliday needed two metal plates inserted in a broken jaw. Fayers may yet find himself in even hotter water, for prosecution tures are always likely to have has not yet been ruled out.

### **Devils under fire**

ice hockey

Nottingham Panthers yesterday urged the Superleague to take action after one of their imported players was knocked out in a physical game with the Cardiff Devils.

Panthers took the unusual step of sending a videotape of the game to the league to prove our point." Darryl Olsen, the Panthers' Canadian defenceman, was knocked out after allegedly being hit from behind during Saturday's match, which Panthers lost 3-7 on their own rink. The Cardiff import, Marty Yeuchuck, was thrown out of the game after the flare-up in the 52nd minute. thers are particularly concerned about the Olsen incident, but there are other aspects of the match they want the Superleague to take a look at.

A Panthers spokesman said:

league to deal with the matter. We have sent a tape of the game to them and hope they take the necessary action. They have the power to award penalties." Olsen missed training yes-

terday, along with the forward Derek Laxdal who was also injured during the game No one was available for comment at Cardiff Devils. Sheffield Steelers will go to

Finland next month for the semi-finals of the European Cup after completing a satisfying hat-trick of quarter-final wins. The British grand slam winners followed defeats of their Pool C rivals Hielo Jaca, of Spain, and Tilburg Trappers, of the Netherlands, with a 4-1 conquest of the section

runners-up, Steana Bucharest. In next mouth's semi-finals in Finland, they face the host chub and Finnish champions, HPK Hameenlinna, the Norwegian champions, Storhamar Hamar. "We decided not to involve the and the top side from either Bepolice but to allow the Super- larus, Estonia or Kazakhstan.

### Montgomerie faces opening-day test against Woosnam

Golf

Colin Montgomerie is not often lost for words. But he was momentarily vesterday when told the name of his opponent in the first round of the World Match Play Championship at Went-Europe's No 1 was drawn

British opening-day tie at the event for 10 years. "I'm sure he won't be particularly impressed - as I'm not - but we'll both have to get on with it." Mont-

against Europe's No 2, Ian tournaments while Montgomerie Woosnam, in what is the first all-was resting, but the Scot returned

The Ryder Cup pair have dominated the European season. Woosnam won the opening two

with a victory and they have each had two further wins. When Woosnam missed the half-way cut in the German Masters two weeks ago, Montgomerie clin-ched his fourth successive Order

of Merit crown. Montgomerie will be trying to make it fifth-time lucky in the

World Match Play. He went out to Nick Faldo in the quarter-finals in 1991, to Corey Pavin at the last four stage in 1993, to Els in the 1994 final and to Elkington in the quarter-finals 12

months ago.
There is one landmark which he is certain to achieve this week. Even if he crashes to the

cheque would put him through the £5m barrier in European tour earnings, a figure only Bernhard Langer and Faldo have reached before. Woosnam, the winner in 1987 and 1990, would move to within £105,000 of the mark himself if he took the £170,000 first prize on Sunday.

The American Mark Brooks, Welshman, the £30,000 loser's the winner of the US PGA terms (US). Witner to play (2)

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# **United look** forward to 'life in 'Hell'

Football

**GLENN MOORE** reports from Istanbul

Manchester United flew into "Hell" last night and found their Turkish hosts were more interested in killing them with kindness than frightening with death threats. Arriving for tomorrow's Champions League match with Fenerbahce, they were beseiged with requests for autographs and television interviews rather than the jeering

mob they had anticipated. It is three years since United's infamous trip to play another Istanbul club, Galatasaray, when players received death threats and were beaten by police after the game, while more than 200 🔩 agely innocent fans were deported. United were held 0-0 and went out of the competition

on away goals.

Like England and Poland, United and Istanbul appear to have become strangely linked ever since; this is their third visit in four years.

Gary Pallister said: "We know what to expect this time. The previous experiences stand us in good stead. The first time we went I didn't play, but I remember the reception at the airport. Those nice Turkish fans had banners like 'Welcome to Hell' and 'You will die'. It was unique.

It took everybody by surprise."
Pallister then recalled a tale he recently related in the Independent on Sunday. "It was a cracker. I was walking into the foyer of our hotel and I saw a porter. I nodded to him as if to say 'alright?' and he lifted a finger and slid it across his throat from ear to ear. I thought, 'they've even infiltrated the hotel.' I think Peter [Schmeichel] had stoked them up in the first game."

In that match, the Danish Ebalkeeper grabbed a Turkish supporter who had invaded the pitch to protest in favour of the The incident was reprised this weekend when a selves - that may help us." newspaper suggested he had received a death threat from a Kurdish group. Schmeichel vehemently denied that. "It's signed from the third Istanbul crap," he said, "It's embarrassing to read that sort of thing, I am sick of reading things like and that is important," he said.

"We had some rough treat-

ment from the police after the first game but it only lasted 15 seconds. There was a stone thrown at the bus but nothing else. The second trip was fine, just Turkish fans singing around the bus. So what? It's part of the normal atmosphere at a match, especially in that part of the world. You could hardly call it hostile."

The team's reception vindicated his thoughts, although the match itself is likely to be played in a lively environment. Pallister said: "It was a good atmosphere to play in - it is better to play in than something like a morgue. You can take it one of two ways. It can intimidate you or you can laugh about it as we did last time."

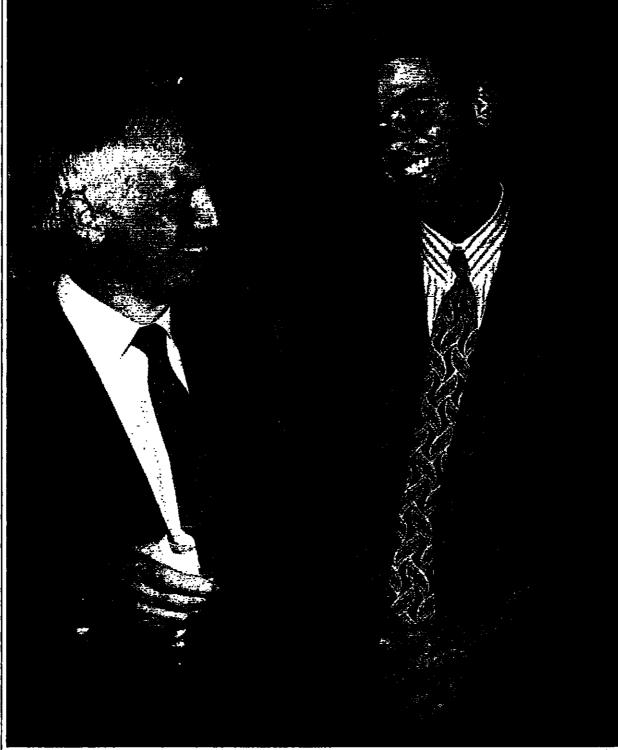
Pallister's main concern is not so much the Fenerbahce fans as his own back. He missed Manchester United's victory over Liverpool on Saturday with the injury, a recurrence of the problem that put him out of Euro 96.

Pallister did not want to discuss it, but his manager, Alex Ferguson, said: "Neither Pally or [Ryan] Giggs trained today and I am a bit worried about them. Pally is the biggest concern, I want to see him in training. We have to be really careful with his back. If there are any doubts he won't play, we don't want to exacerbate it."

Giggs has a calf injury but like Paul Scholes and Jordi Cruyff, who also did not train, he is expected to be fit.

They may be in the land of the magic carpet, but United will be hoping a more prosaic wooden board will ease Pallister's worries. For some time, the club has travelled with bed boards for Pallister and Schmeichel, who has also suffered back problems. "We have the board and we will also sit him up the front on the plane and coach where he has more leg room," said Ferguson of Pallister. "You want your experienced players in for this one, they are a good side and really fancy them-

Ferguson said he would involve Ronny Johnsen, the Norwegian international who was club, Besiktas, in the summer. "He has played at Fenerbahce



Open house: Pete Sampras (right), the world tennis No 1, meets the Governor of Hong Kong, Chris Patten. Sampras is in the colony to defend his Open title, with the first round of matches on Thursday

Photograph: Jason Reed/Reuter

### Rusedski probable obstacle for Henman

Tim Henman, the British No 1, beat Nicklas Kulti of Sweden. 7-6, 6-4, in the first round of the Czech Indoor tournament in Ostrava yesterday to set up a probable showdown in the second round with his Davis Cup nartner Greg Rusedski,

"It was a tough match," Heni maich nent mon page 20 and 21 | the start; it focuses you quickly." final of the British National the list but both Sweden's Ste-rankings.

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For the all-Britain confrontation to go ahead, Rusedski, winner of the Peking Open on

Sunday, has first to beat the Swiss qualifier George Bastl in his first-round match. That game will not be played until tomorrow to allow the left-hander time to recover from his flight from China.

Henman could meet Rusedski on Thursday, which would man said. "I felt more comfort- be the second time they have able in the second set. I enjoy met in competition. Henman

Henman also learned yesterday that he could be a starter in the Compaq Grand Slam Cup to be played in Munich from 3 to 8 December.

Sixteen players, who have the best records in the four Grand Slams this year, compete in this lucrative event, with two alternate players on site in case of withdrawals from the origi-

Championships in Telford last
November.

fan Edberg and Austrian Thomas Muster have withdrawn and as Muster have withdrawn and the British player is now the second alternate.

For turning up in Munich he will receive £33,333, and if two more players drop out he would receive a minimum of £66,666 for playing in the first round. As for Rusedski, his triumph

in Peking has boosted his world ranking from 75 to 53. Henman. who did not play last week because of blisters on his feet, re-

### Frerotte steers Redskins home

American foetball

Gus Frerotte threw for 280 yards and two touchdowns and Henry Ellard caught eight passes es to lift the Washington Redskins to their fifth straight win, 27-22 over the New England Patriots in Foxboro, Mass Frerotte drew praise from the Skins head coach, Norv Turner. "He's matured. You get a chance to play and you're go-ing to get better. He's had great presence in the pocket for

Mike Tomczak's 32-yard touchdown pass to Kordell Stewart snapped a third-quarter tie and Jerome Bettis eclipsed 100, yards rushing for the fifth straight game in the Pittsburgh Steelers 20-10 home victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.
In Indianapolis, Marshall
Faulk and line-backer Jeff Her-

rod scored touchdowns two minutes apart in the second half to take the Colts back to the top of the AFC East table with a 26-21 win over the Baltimore Ravers. Miami's Terrell Buckley

smuffed a last-gasp drive by re- NFTs drug abuse policy turning an interception 91 yards five passes for 51 yards.

for a touchdown with 47 seconds remaining to defeat the Buffalo Bīlis, 21-7. The Dolphins had seven

sacks and four turnovers despite starting four rookies on defence in Buffalo. Karim Abdul-Jabbar and Irving Spikes scored on short touchdown runs for Miami, which snapped an eight-game losing streak without Dan Marino as their starting quarterback. Marino's substitute, Craig Enickson, threw 192 yards. joined the record books on a day his woeful New York Jets lost an 11 point lead and fell to no wins from seven games after a 21-17 loss to the Jaguars. Lowery's

20-yard field goal in the fourth quarter was the 374th in his career, moving him past Jan Stenend as the NFI's all-time leader. Exmitt Smith ran for 112 vards and two touchdowns, including the 100th rushing TD of his career, as the Dallas Cowboys welcomed back their wide-receiver Michael Irvin with a 17-3 home victory over the Arizona Cardinals, hvin, back after missing five games for violating the NFEs drug-abuse policy, caught

### **Yankees** triumph

The New York Yankees put together six runs on three homers in the third inning to beat the Baltimore Orioles 6-4 and reach their first World Series since 1981 against St Louis Cardinals or Atlanta Braves.

Sunday's home runs - by Jim Leyritz, Cecil Fielder and Darryl Strawberry - were more than enough for Andy Pettitte, who pitched eight strong innings as the Yankees settled the bestof-seven American League Championship Series 4-1.

Yankees' centerfielder Bernie Williams - 2 for 5 on Sunday was named the Most Valuable Player in the ALCS. He hit safely in all nine post-season games and 0.474 in the five games against Baltimore with two

In the National League Champiouship, Brian Jordan hit a home run in the bottom of the eighth iming, and the St Louis Cardinals rallied from three runs down to beat the visiting Atlanta Braves 4-3 to World Series.

### High scores in HA Cup

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The Seoul Olympic gold medal-iist David Faulkner, now playercoach of Basingstoke, scored twice in their 4-1 win against Lloyds Bank in the first round of the Hockey Association Cup. In a high-scoring weekend, Norton notched up 13 goals without reply against Man-chester, with Richard Finney

and Mark Gill each scoring four. Harborne, with hat-tricks from Jim Wright and Barney Simmons and four goals from Andy Bostock, knocked in 12 without reply at Coalville, while Nottingham could only manage 11 at home to Belper, with John Newton claiming four.

Maggie Sonyave, the England coach, has announced a development squad for this weekend's training camp at Bisham Abbey training camp at bisnam Abbey of Under-28 players as she pre-pares a squad for August's World Cup qualifier in Harare.

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### Crash forces out Makinen

Tommi Makinen, the newly crowned world champion, escaped unhurt when he crashed on the first stage of the San Remo rally vesterday, but his codriver suffered back injuries. Makinen misjudged a corner.

rolling his Mitsubishi heavily just 500 metres into the rally and helicopter in Perugia.

The first special stage in this eighth round of the world championship was cancelled after another Finn, Jarmo Kytolehto, crashed his Ford within sight of the start. In another incident, the Ger-

man driver Guenther Gils suffered a broken leg when he was

With Makinen out, Britain's Colin McRae drove his Subaru into the lead. McRae, who lost his world title to Makinen, led his Subaru team-mate Piero Liatti of Italy by 4sec.

co-driver, Seppo Harjanne, injured his back and was taken by en a 10-second penalty and fell to eighth, 44sec behindMcRae.

American football

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### SPORTING DIGEST

Korea's Park Joo Bong, who won a silver medal in Atlanta this summer, is to join the England coaching staff to help prepare the international team for the Sydney Olympic Games.

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Golf Greg Norman has agreed to play in his native Australia for free in a bid to avoid

criticism over appearance money. Norman, upset by controversy over ap-pearance money on previous visits home, said he would forego his reported AUS\$250,000 (£125,000) tourns-AUS\$250,000 (£125,000) tourna-ment tee to play in three successive Aus-tralian Opens, starting in 1997. Scotland's Brian Barnes shot a final round of 72 in the Transamerica Seniors event at the Silverado Country Club, Cal-ifornia, on Sunday, to finish on 21A, 10 shots behind the winner, South Africa's John Bland, Tony Jackim closed with a 69 for a total of 216. TEMS GPPU (See Autonia) Lenfort final-ment

Laura Davies was beaten Into second place by Sweden's Annika Sorenstam in the Bessy King LPGA Classic in Pennsylvania on Sunday, Davias shot a final round of 73 to finish on 278, eight shots behind Sorenstam, whose 18-under total of 270 equalled the season's best score for a 72-hole tournament. SCATE FOR ST. 21-4-100 GUILDRATHERS.
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Steven Redigiave, the four-times Olympic champion, said yesterday he will make a decision on his future before Christmas, despite announcing his retirement after his Atlanta victory.

Rugby Union
The fall-out from the dropping of South
Africa's World Cup-winning captain
François Piensar continued with the resignation of a selector and a call by fans
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TODAY'S NUMBER.

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and Wales. Only 3,136

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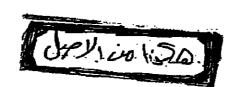
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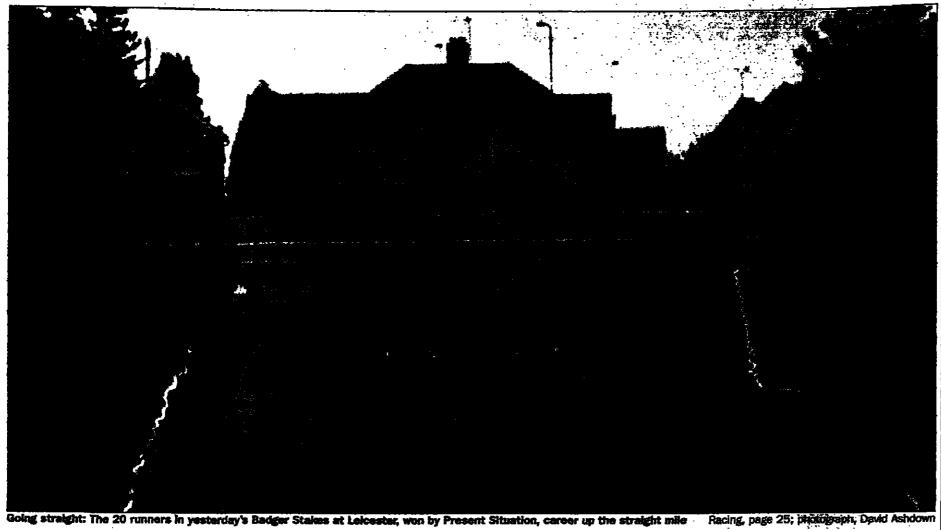


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# FA charges Bosnich over salute

Football

ADAM SZRETER

Mark Bosnich, the Aston Villa goulkeeper, has been charged with miscanduct by the Football Association following his Nazi salute to Tottenham supporters at White Hart Lane on Satur-

Bosnich gestured to the home fans of a club known to have a wale lewish folktwing after they had taunted him over an incident he had been involved in with Spurs' former German international striker Jürgen Klinsmann at Villa Park in January 1995.

But although Bosnich insisted it was not meant to be taken seriously and has apologised for offending some Spurs fans, the FA have evidently decided it could have provoked crowd trouble. The police are also investigating the matter as a possible public order oftence and a report will be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service when they have completed their inquiries.

Villa will be taking no action against Besnich and their manager, Brian Little, has assured Bosnich that his first-team place is safe. The Villa chairman. Dong I llis, had hoped the incident would be closed after Bosnich had apologised – first

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on Radio Five Live's 600 pro- trovert who likes a bit of attengramme and then in a 400-word statement issued yesterday.

Ellis said: "He has applingised very fully and I had hoped this would be the end of the matter and the club won't be taking action against Bosnich. I've since seen what he did, and I'm sure he did not mean any malice."

tion but he knows in this case he did something that was taken the wrong way and is full of remorse. He is a nice guy who wouldn't intentionally hurt people

Bosnich has clearly been

I did wasn't meant to harm, it icked the Basil Fawity salute as wasn't meant to confound. It wasn't mean to upset anyone. To anyone I've upset, I'm pro-foundly sorry and I can't be any more sorry myself.

Ever since the Klinsmann ng reference was made to

England wing-half, is the new

director of football at Barnet.

Mullery, previously manager of Brighton, Charlton Athletic,

Crystal Palace and Queen's

Park Rangers, will be assisted

at Underhill by the new first-

"I was astonished to be booked, let alone to raise the effect it later generated. Once again, I am very sorry if I of-

a mere jocular acknowledge-

ment of the crowd's banter.

fended anybody, no offence was intended, only comical ministry." The Arsenal striker lan

Newcastle fear Budapest battle

PFA's dispute with the Football League is over the players' share of television payments. David Pleat will give Sheffield Wednesday's record 13m signing, Benito Carbone, his Premiership debut against Blackburn at Hillsborough on Saturday. "It's big coup for our club - and a big one by anybody's stan-dards," Pleat said of the 25-yearold former Internazionale

ing forward to him scaring a few The Derby County striker Marco Gabbiadini, a £1m sign-ing from Crystal Palace five years ago, has joined Birming-ham City on a month's loan. He has been unable to claim a regular place in County's Pre-

miership side this season.

attacking midfielder. "I'm look-

at Highbury on 16 September. Hie has been ordered to attend an FA disciplinary commission on a date to be arranged.

To complete a day of misconduct cases at Lancaster Gate. Bryan Robson and Graeme

with misconduct by the FA. Whight was reported to have called the Shetheld Wednesday

manager, David Pleat, a "per-vert" in the aftermath of a game

Somess, the managers at Mid-diesheagh and Southampton re-spectively, have been similarly charged. Robson has been fined £1,500 and warned to his future conduct over remarks made to referee Michael Riley after the match with Nottingliam Forest at the City Ground on 24 August.

Robson has also been ordered to give a written undertaking not to become similarly involved with match officials in the future. Sources has been fined £750 and warned about his future conduct as the result of remarks made to Riley after the

Leicester-Southampton match at Filbert Street on 21 August. The Scottish FA have hand-ed Falkirk's Albert Craig a twomatch ban in addition to the five he has already missed for striking Partick's Gareth Evans in the players' tunnel in August. The SFA were using video evidence of an incident for the first time.

# Life ban for top British, hobsleigher,

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Mark Tout, Britain's best bobsleigher over the past 10 years, was banned for life yesterday after failing a random drugs test.
The 35-year-old former

Army sergeant, a member of the British team at the last Winter Olympics, admitted the offence after testing positive for an anabolic steroid last month.

"I completely regret doing it," he said yesterday. "You see the stories. I've seen what it's done to other people and people's careers. I wouldn't want anybody to feel how I feel at the moment But at the same time I'm not blind, I see what goes on in the world and I see what goes on in sport in general. You take your own position on that."

Tout helped British bob-sleighers enjoy their best Winter Olympics for 30 years in mer in 1994. He was sixth with Lennox Paul in the two-man event and a member of the four-man team which finished fifth. He also advised Prince Albert of Monaco, who was competing at his third

Speaking on Radio Five Live yesterday. Tout said he had been tempted to try steroids after suffering with back and leg injuries for an extended period.

"I was getting treatment for my injuries with no success. I was speaking to various people and taking some advice that maybe taking drugs would help my problem. That was one rea-

son why I tried it. "And in terms of the injury it has certainly helped. When you are training hard and the injury keeps breaking down it speeds up the healing in the period afterwards."

He said that the pressure of trying to win a gold medal had played its part in his decision. "I don't think I wanted to admit that ... but I am under certain pressure and maybe that's why I did it. It's difficult to ap-

preciate it I think." Tout said he felt he wouldn't be caught - "otherwise I wouldn't have done it" - but confirmed that he would not be

appealing against the ban.
"I feel like I've failed," he said. "I've come a long way in the sport. When I first started it 15 years ago in this country we were a name and we just

Foll' whol profile and we have won medals: over recent years and I have worked very hard to achieve that. I feel I have spoilt that by making a silly mistake. I have come so close and I know I won't get the chance to complete the picture."

As to what the future held, he added: "I have to pick up again and concentrate on sur vival. All my funding's cut, all my support is cut immediately this came out. I have to deal with it. It's very, very difficult. But I'll have to get on with life and I have to find some em-

Nicky Phipps, Tout's former British team-mate, said the news had come as a great shogh adding: "I've known Mark a long long time and we were team-mates for many years.

"Within our sport, we know it has gone on over the years through the other countries and I suppose we never expected it to happen to us really.

Henrietta Alderman, secretary of the British Bobsleigh Association, confirmed that it was the first such case in British bobsleighing, although there have been other drug cases interna-

She added that Sean Olsson. the second-choice driver for Britain in the last Winter Olympics, would have pushed him hard for the top spot at the next Olympic trials for the

Nagano Games of 1998. "Mark has been a dominant figure. But we have a lot of talented and hungry bobsleighers

coming through now," she said. The BBA issued a statement, saying. "The life ban was imposed by the disciplinary committee of the British Bobsleigh Association and subsequently ratified by sport's governing board."

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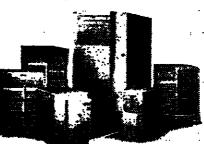
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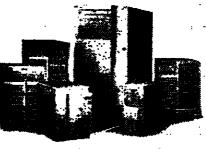
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RUPERT METCALF

Manchester United are not the only team travelling to one of European football's more volatile outposts this week. While the Premiership champions prepare for tomorrow's Turkish test, Newcastle United face what could be something of a

battle in Budapest tonight. The Magpies take on the Hungarian champions. Ferenctans have a had reputation: a near-riot during their team's first-round win over the Greek side. Olympiakos, earned a ES34000 time and a severe warning from Cefa, European football's governing hads

This is a real test for us, a step up from Halmstads," Kevin Keegan, Newcastle's manager. said. Anybody in the world would tell you that it will be difficult." He has defensive problens to sort out: Steve Howey is out with a calf injury and Philippe Albert is very doubtful with a twisted knee. Robbie Ellight stands by to deputise.

obtained in Bogota.

team coach, Terry Gibson - another former Spurs player. The Professional Footballers' Association will announce the result of its ballot on possible strike action by Nationwide League players at the weekend. Ballot forms have to be in by tomorrow and, if the vote is in favour, League chibs will be giv-en seven days' notice. The strike would then come into effect on

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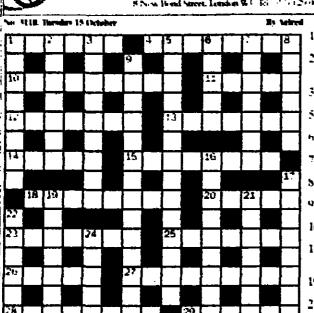
hian, who went missing last vesterday morning 10 minutes before the rest of the Newcastle party - complete with a visa Alan Mullery, the 54-year-old tormer Fulham, Tottenham and

will be available. The Colomround first-leg match. The home try in a World Cup qualifier, arrived at Newcastle airport

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# Iriumph over the twin impostors

It's the perfect end to a perfect season. I cannot begin to de-scribe how elated I feel at having achieved the goal I have been striving for the past four years.

In have won the first race and the last race, plus six in between prerty much sums up the year. I've led the championship right from the start and throughout the season. I've started on the front row of the grid for all 16 races and I have won half of them. It's something I'm very proud of I could not have done any of that without the superb work of my four mechanics, Bob Davis, Les Jones, Paul West and Matthew Whyte. I must also thank my engineer, Tim Preston. This was Tim's first season play-ing that particular role in For-mula One and he has dealt with the pressure incredibly well. Adrian Newey, designer of the Rothmans Williams-Renault FW18, apart from designing yet car, has also worked with me all season, as has Denis Chevrier, my engineer from Renault. A special thanks to them. But of course, all members of the other extremely hard-working Rothmans Williams-Renault group who must take credit for team have been essential in my victory. Their performance has

been nothing short of brilliant. Of course, I mustn't forget members of my supporters' club and everyone who got up early - or perhaps never went tremendous feeling to have made it worthwhile for them; nothing pleased me more than to deliver a victory on top of everything else. I've never felt so happy to win a race. I emperienced a similar feeling after my first grand prix victory in 1993; I wanted it to happen so bedly and last Sunday's race was much the same even though I

weat into it knowing I only



DAMON HILL

needed a finish in the top six in order to secure the title. It would have been easy to back off once I knew that Jacques Villeneuve was out of the race because, at that point. I became the 1996 world champion. But I wanted to win the race for everyone at Williams Grand Prix Engineering. It would be a means of saying thanks to more than 230 people, most of whom you never hear about because they work with great dedication behind the scenes and don't come to the races. It is the same for the team at Renault Sport in Paris, an-

their part in the success. The hardest part was dealing with the mental battle during the final 15 laps as I tried not to think about the consequences of the championship and how I would celebrate while, at the to bed - in order to watch the same time, concentrating on race live on Sunday. It's a winning the race and signing off in the best possible way for the team which has given me 21 victories in the past four seasons.

I shall never ever forget this period in my life. We have had some unbelievable experiences, reaching fantastic high points and occasionally plunging into

some terrible low periods along

the way. This season has been

typical but such pressures are part and parcel of winning the

championship. Driving the car is only a small part of it. The most critical aspect is dealing with the ups and downs of the season: the moments when everyone has written you off and the bouts of over-enthusiasm when praise is heaped upon you. and it is assumed that you are going to become world champion even though it is mid-seasyn and there are still eight races to go. Winning the championship is about keeping your

head straight all the way

through, I knew from experi-

ence that nothing can be taken for granted in this sport. The opening lap of Studies's race was a good example. I made a very good start, where-as Jacques did not. But I knew that I had not won the race sim-ply because I had reached the first comer ahead of everyone else. I thought of the Italian Grand Prix when I was in a similar situation, only for it to go all wrong. I was telling myself to stay calm, drive cleanly and quanty, build up a lead and get to the inish. It worked perfectly. it's a terrific thing to happen and I can begin to enjoy the experience now that it's over. But am the first to appreciate that fate could have stepped in and Jacques could have finished

the season as champion. Jacques has been a revelation. When he first came to the team. I didn't know what to frink but I quickly reached the conclusion that he's a very fine racing driver. I've enjoyed being with Jacques: there has not been a harsh word between as.

I have no doubt that Jacque will be a world champion of the future. It's an experience I can strongly recommend. The realisation is dawning but seeing that chequered flag on Sunday was a beautiful moment, one

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